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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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JUSTICE BUILDING  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

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*To The Honorable, The Chief Justice of  
The Supreme Court of North Carolina*

Submitted herewith is the Fourth Annual Report of the Administrative Officer of the Courts. This Report, prepared pursuant to G.S. 7A-343, relates to the 1969 calendar year.

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## THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

A constitutional amendment adopted in 1962 provides the framework for a unified court system in North Carolina. The 1963 General Assembly created a Courts Commission and charged it with the responsibility of preparing and drafting the legislation necessary for complete implementation of the new Judicial Article. This Commission, composed largely of legislative leaders and under the chairmanship of Senator Lindsay C. Warren, Jr., immediately embarked upon its task. Its major production was recommended legislation which was enacted as "The Judicial Department Act of 1965". This Act prescribed the organizational and operational details of the General Court of Justice and established an Administrative Office of the Courts.

The 1962 Judicial Article provides for an Appellate Division consisting of the Supreme Court, a Superior Court Division and a District Court Division in the General Court of Justice. The 1965 Act provided for gradual implementation of the new court system. Because of the increasing burden of appellate work, it became necessary to provide an additional court in the Appellate Division. The Constitution was again amended in 1965 to authorize the new appellate court.

In the trial divisions of the General Court of Justice, criminal cases are allocated on a jurisdictional basis. There is no jurisdictional division as to civil cases. The district court division has exclusive original jurisdiction of misdemeanors. The district court is the proper division for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$5,000 or less. It is also the forum for domestic relations and juvenile cases. No jury is provided in the district court for criminal trials. Each defendant has the right of appeal to the superior court and to trial *de novo*. Jury trial is provided, upon demand, in the district court in civil matters, and appeal is to the Court of Appeals.

There are now 93 district court judges and there will be 112 when the establishment of the new system is completed. The judges are elected to four-year terms. A Chief District Judge with very extensive administrative authority is designated in each district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Specialized judgeships are authorized.

A district court prosecutor is authorized for each judicial district. A specified number of assistants is authorized for districts in which

the workload requires more than one. On January 1, 1971, the office of district prosecutor will be abolished and the solicitor, with a designated number of assistants, will be responsible for prosecution in the superior court and district court divisions.

Family counseling services are provided in any judicial district having a county with a population of 85,000 or more. Almost one hundred counselors now serve in nine of the State's judicial districts. The clerk of superior court in each county is required to establish and maintain, under the supervision of the Administrative Office of the Courts, an office of consolidated records of all judicial proceedings in the trial division of the General Court of Justice. He retains his former jurisdiction in special proceedings, probate of wills, and administration of decedents estates.

Magistrates, assigned to duty by and closely supervised by the Chief District Judges, are authorized for each county. Their major function is the issuing of warrants. They are also empowered to hear small claims actions, accept guilty pleas in non-traffic misdemeanors for which punishment cannot exceed a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for 30 days, accept waivers of trial and pleas of guilty in minor traffic cases in accordance with a schedule of offenses and fines established by the Chief District Judge, conduct preliminary examinations in misdemeanor cases, grant bail before trial in non-capital cases, and to perform certain ministerial duties formerly assigned to justices of the peace.

When the district court is established in a county, all previously existing inferior courts, including the justice of the peace courts, are abolished. This change will be completed on December 7, 1970. The operation of the courts has been declared to be a State function. All operating expenses of the Judicial Department are paid from State funds. The only expenses left upon local governing bodies are those related to furnishing and equipping the courtrooms and related judicial facilities. To aid the counties in meeting this expense, the law provides for a facilities fee to be assessed in the bill of costs in every case processed by the trial division of the General Court of Justice.

The new court system established by the Judicial Department Act of 1965 was instituted in 22 counties on December 5, 1966. The new Court of Appeals authorized by the 1965 constitutional amendment was established by the 1967 General Assembly. Its jurisdiction appears in Appendix II. The Court of Appeals now consists of nine judges who sit in panels of three. The district court was established in 61 additional counties on December 2, 1968, and will be activated in the remaining 17 counties on December 7, 1970.

An Act of the 1969 General Assembly established the Courts

Commission on a permanent basis. Having completed its task of implementing the new court system, the commission will continue to study the structure and operations of the Judicial Department and to recommend improvements.

## FISCAL OPERATIONS

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All financial records are maintained on a fiscal year basis and, therefore, this section of the Report is based on the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1968 and ending June 30, 1969.

When the new court system was established there was much debate as to its cost, the receipts which it would produce, and its impact on local finances. This is the first opportunity to review these questions based on operations in a substantial portion of the State. The new system was operational throughout the twelve months of fiscal 1968-69 in 22 counties, and for slightly less than seven months in 61 additional counties. It is interesting to note that during this period receipts to State and local governments exceeded the State's expenditures.

State Expenditures for the Judicial Department.....	\$11,042,451.07
State and Local Receipts from Court Operations.....	\$11,682,250.17

### *Distribution of Receipts by type and unit of government receiving funds:*

Appellate Fees and Sale of Reports and Advance Sheets (State).....	\$ 61,182.37
General Court of Justice Fees (State).....	3,870,491.72
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund (State).....	1,116,354.35
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Total State Revenues .....	\$ 5,048,028.44
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Facilities Fees (Counties) .....	\$ 952,003.56
Officer and Jail Fees (Counties).....	624,142.46
Fines and Forfeitures (Counties).....	4,647,815.20
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Total County Revenues .....	\$ 6,223,961.22
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Facilities Fees (Municipalities) .....	\$ 74,591.10
Officer and Jail Fees (Municipalities) .....	335,669.41
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Total Municipal Revenues.....	\$ 410,260.51

*Distribution of Receipts by Counties:*

*22 Counties Operating for 12 Months:*

County	Facilities Fees	Officer and Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facilities Fees Municipalities	Officer and Jail Fees Municipalities
Burke	\$20,474.00	\$12,975.70	\$ 92,348.80	\$ 1,042.00	\$ 5,958.00
Caldwell	21,256.20	19,116.50	102,351.50	496.00	4,567.50
Camden	1,079.00	868.81	5,843.00	- 0 -	4.00
Catawba	27,583.00	27,624.00	233,731.90	23,196.00	20,173.50
Cherokee	5,321.55	6,046.39	39,816.90	- 0 -	752.00
Chowan	3,814.00	4,463.35	22,646.40	- 0 -	1,294.50
Clay	1,782.00	2,211.00	17,902.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
Cumberland	58,290.77	56,647.10	391,844.65	7,316.00	14,286.00
Currituck	2,520.00	2,272.00	22,082.50	- 0 -	- 0 -
Dare	4,292.50	2,993.80	27,622.00	- 0 -	584.00
Durham	54,247.10	15,508.19	195,456.93	- 0 -	24,939.92
Gates	3,224.10	2,994.50	18,621.80	- 0 -	- 0 -
Graham	1,719.00	2,128.75	14,140.00	- 0 -	154.00
Haywood	11,246.00	10,259.50	82,468.25	934.00	3,194.00
Hoke	5,215.50	5,116.95	34,015.00	60.00	326.00
Jackson	4,621.00	6,907.80	30,631.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
Macon	3,227.00	2,711.25	25,133.00	- 0 -	508.00
Pasquotank	6,446.50	2,553.50	39,224.60	- 0 -	1,152.25
Perquimans	2,537.00	2,654.52	15,229.00	- 0 -	144.00
Robeson	24,182.88	24,251.22	227,241.75	10,980.00	8,598.00
Scotland	10,846.00	9,667.00	69,943.67	1,432.00	1,017.50
Swain	3,436.00	5,185.00	23,192.00	- 0 -	394.00

*61 Counties Operating from December 2, 1968-June 30, 1969:*

Alamance	29,864.21	11,431.50	117,465.87	- 0 -	7,524.00
Anson	5,266.00	4,421.00	31,371.00	- 0 -	1,292.00
Avery	2,194.80	2,785.45	16,981.75	- 0 -	- 0 -
Beaufort	8,485.80	9,008.00	39,328.30	- 0 -	1,019.00
Bertie	3,979.00	3,873.55	17,052.00	- 0 -	358.00
Bladen	5,944.51	6,465.40	30,006.83	752.00	144.00
Brunswick	3,346.50	3,650.16	18,794.20	1,188.00	64.00
Carteret	6,597.38	4,974.00	41,467.00	841.00	1,384.20
Chatham	4,786.00	4,011.60	27,579.95	- 0 -	444.00
Cleveland	14,228.24	9,404.50	55,307.10	- 0 -	4,314.85
Columbus	8,202.50	7,372.10	40,273.35	799.00	2,131.60
Craven	9,008.00	5,577.50	56,546.85	- 0 -	2,224.00
Duplin	10,644.55	8,522.34	46,718.77	- 0 -	2,963.00
Edgecombe	8,147.00	8,165.90	49,120.40	2,397.00	3,408.50
Forsyth	40,516.50	15,587.00	156,204.26	860.00	24,498.10
Franklin	4,962.00	4,089.45	22,204.00	- 0 -	1,443.10
Gaston	28,310.00	18,409.00	85,911.35	- 0 -	8,788.00
Granville	6,158.00	5,299.50	31,835.80	20.00	1,185.50
Greene	2,698.50	2,580.30	14,627.00	- 0 -	330.00
Guilford	76,994.00	20,093.50	193,953.00	- 0 -	48,843.50
Halifax	11,345.38	7,018.45	53,391.46	2,078.00	3,870.90
Harnett	8,144.55	7,094.50	32,483.35	3,399.10	3,762.85
Henderson	6,945.01	6,085.59	26,211.50	8.00	1,150.00
Hertford	4,309.00	2,972.00	25,536.00	- 0 -	849.70
Hyde	873.00	872.00	3,088.75	- 0 -	- 0 -
Johnston	9,887.00	8,784.10	38,292.45	2,394.00	3,562.00

<u>County</u>	<u>Facilities Fees</u>	<u>Officer and Jail Fees</u>	<u>Fines and Forfeitures</u>	<u>Facilities Municipalities</u>	<u>Officer and Jail Fees Municipalities</u>
Jones	1,201.00	1,270.25	4,027.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
Lee	9,131.20	6,713.06	23,869.50	- 0 -	2,983.00
Lenoir	12,271.00	6,834.25	65,720.50	- 0 -	4,627.95
Lincoln	8,596.40	8,055.94	36,070.50	- 0 -	707.84
Madison	1,754.50	1,264.00	9,697.20	- 0 -	4.00
Martin	5,749.00	3,782.50	30,763.00	- 0 -	644.00
McDowell	6,472.82	5,489.50	28,531.50	- 0 -	402.25
Mecklenburg	81,471.00	17,451.67	300,500.20	- 0 -	42,988.00
Mitchell	1,068.00	1,958.20	11,559.00	780.00	444.00
Moore	7,572.00	6,316.50	49,407.30	545.00	1,173.10
Nash	7,313.00	8,072.95	40,722.50	3,619.00	4,494.50
New Hanover	18,794.22	10,206.43	66,401.30	- 0 -	8,908.00
Northampton	3,920.00	4,232.10	26,897.75	- 0 -	247.00
Onslow	15,647.05	14,204.90	122,996.40	- 0 -	2,298.00
Orange	5,210.00	5,084.75	46,282.05	2,554.00	2,497.00
Pamlico	1,039.00	1,067.50	5,740.50	- 0 -	- 0 -
Pender	4,207.00	3,698.00	19,138.00	- 0 -	212.00
Person	4,123.00	2,846.00	27,337.00	232.00	910.00
Pitt	13,662.05	11,244.00	91,157.57	2,988.00	5,367.00
Polk	1,196.00	1,802.26	8,966.00	- 0 -	302.00
Richmond	6,662.00	7,209.95	40,591.59	- 0 -	971.80
Rutherford	7,231.45	5,742.30	28,494.50	- 0 -	1,912.00
Sampson	8,444.00	8,717.40	59,306.99	437.00	276.00
Stanly	6,587.50	3,888.20	44,087.30	- 0 -	2,189.80
Transylvania	2,192.00	2,342.00	10,642.00	- 0 -	350.00
Tyrrell	466.85	280.20	1,564.00	- 0 -	3.00
Union	7,316.00	6,430.00	93,375.87	- 0 -	1,244.00
Vance	8,759.63	4,291.00	28,141.55	- 0 -	1,610.00
Wake	57,436.32	22,263.80	151,891.64	2,708.00	27,354.45
Warren	3,487.38	2,426.50	22,212.00	- 0 -	243.75
Washington	2,087.70	1,748.25	9,609.00	- 0 -	388.00
Watauga	2,904.00	2,827.96	22,669.90	- 0 -	418.00
Wayne	17,463.96	10,938.00	72,199.75	536.00	4,754.00
Wilson	9,748.00	7,408.92	34,196.20	- 0 -	1,065.00
Yancey	1,620.00	2,328.00	9,809.20	- 0 -	78.00

*Total Receipts Distributed to Local Governments:*

*22 Counties Operating for 12 Months:*

Burke	\$132,798.50	Gates	\$ 24,840.40
Caldwell	147,787.70	Graham	18,141.75
Camden	7,794.81	Haywood	108,101.75
Catawba	332,308.40	Hoke	44,733.45
Cherokee	51,936.84	Jackson	42,159.80
Chowan	32,218.25	Macon	31,579.25
Clay	21,895.00	Pasquotank	49,376.85
Cumberland	528,384.52	Perquimans	20,564.52
Currituck	26,874.50	Robeson	295,253.85
Dare	35,492.30	Scotland	92,906.17
Durham	290,152.14	Swain	32,207.00

*61 Counties Operating from December 2, 1968-June 30, 1969:*

Alamance	166,285.58	Martin	40,938.50
Anson	42,350.00	McDowell	40,896.07
Avery	21,962.00	Mecklenburg	442,410.87
Beaufort	57,841.10	Mitchell	15,809.20
Bertie	25,262.55	Moore	65,013.90
Bladen	43,312.74	Nash	64,221.95
Brunswick	27,042.86	New Hanover	104,309.95
Carteret	55,263.58	Northampton	35,296.85
Chatham	36,821.55	Onslow	155,146.35
Cleveland	83,254.69	Orange	61,627.80
Columbus	58,778.55	Pamlico	7,847.00
Craven	73,356.35	Pender	27,255.00
Duplin	68,848.66	Person	35,448.00
Edgecombe	71,238.80	Pitt	124,418.62
Forsyth	237,665.86	Polk	12,266.26
Franklin	32,698.55	Richmond	55,435.34
Gaston	141,418.35	Rutherford	43,380.25
Granville	44,498.80	Sampson	77,181.39
Greene	20,235.80	Stanly	56,752.80
Guilford	339,884.00	Transylvania	15,526.00
Halifax	77,704.19	Tyrrell	2,314.05
Harnett	54,884.35	Union	108,365.87
Henderson	40,400.10	Vance	42,802.18
Hertford	33,666.70	Wake	261,654.21
Hyde	4,833.75	Warren	28,369.63
Johnston	62,919.55	Washington	13,832.95
Jones	6,498.25	Watauga	28,819.86
Lee	42,696.76	Wayne	105,891.71
Lenoir	89,453.70	Wilson	52,418.12
Lincoln	53,430.68	Yancey	13,835.20
Madison	12,719.70		

### SUMMARY

The State, which pays the entire operating costs of the court system, received directly into its general fund 35.6% of operating costs. When the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund receipts are added, the percentage of return is 45.7%. The total State and local receipts exceed the operating expenditures by \$639,799.10.

As to the impact of the new system on local governments, those which formerly made a profit from court operations no longer do so. One of the most elementary principles of the administration of justice is that they should not do so. Those which operated at a loss have an improved status. Having been relieved of all operating expenses, they are now directly responsible for furnishing facilities only. This responsibility existed in the past. It is now being met more adequately and is supported by receipts from facilities fees.

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## THE APPELLATE DIVISION

During 1969, the Supreme Court wrote 67 opinions. Full opinions were written in 65 cases, one of which was an advisory opinion, and two opinions were *per curiam*. Of these opinions, 36 dealt with civil cases and 31 dealt with criminal cases. The court affirmed the lower court in 27 cases and took corrective action in 40 cases. The Supreme Court considered 102 petitions for *certiorari* from the Court of Appeals.

With the appointment of three additional judges in July, 1969, the Court of Appeals is now fully staffed. The court, sitting in panels of three, considered 584 cases during 1969. This is only two more than the number considered in 1968. The great majority of the 496 appeals (255 civil and 241 criminal) came from the superior court. Sixty-nine cases came from the district court, 13 from the Industrial Commission and 6 from the Utilities Commission. The court affirmed the lower bodies in 403 cases and took corrective action in 179.

The statistics reveal that the Court of Appeals has provided the needed relief for the previously overburdened Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is now free to examine carefully the truly significant questions of law.

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## THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Nineteen sixty-nine marks the first year that the district court system has been fully operational in 83 counties of the State. The impact of the new system is fully reflected in the decreased activity of the superior court.

When compared to 1968, there was a decrease in every measure of superior court activity. Total filings decreased by 34.8%, total dispositions decreased by 34.7%, and the total number of cases pending at the end of the year decreased by 22.7%. The percentage of reduction in dispositions is a somewhat misleading figure because the number of dispositions in 1968 included the wholesale transfer to the new district courts of pending superior court cases within the new court's jurisdiction. There were far fewer transfers in 1969 and, therefore, most of the dispositions were upon the merits of the case rather than simply by transfer.

The reduction in activity is also reflected in the number of days of court scheduled and held. The number of days scheduled decreased by 3.8% and the number of days of court actually held decreased by 11.4%. The percentage of court utilization dropped from 85.4% to 78.5%.

### TOTAL CASES ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1964 - December 31, 1969

Added	Disposed of
7/1/64-6/30/65:	59,397
7/1/65-6/30/66:	56,922
7/1/67-12/31/67:	61,577
1/1/68-12/31/68:	59,498
1/1/69-12/31/69:	64,722
1/1/69-12/31/69:	65,432
1/1/69-12/31/69:	70,115
1/1/69-12/31/69:	82,879
1/1/69-12/31/69:	45,698
(in thousands)	54,148

**TOTAL CASES PENDING  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**

July 1, 1965 - December 31, 1969

7/1/65:	[REDACTED]	35,312
7/1/66:	[REDACTED]	37,045
12/31/67:	[REDACTED]	48,495
12/31/68:	[REDACTED]	36,997
12/31/69:	[REDACTED]	28,631
(in thousands)	0   9   18   27   36   45	

**UTILIZATION OF SCHEDULED COURT**

July 1, 1964 - December 31, 1969

	<i>Days Scheduled</i>	<i>Days Held</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
7/1/64-6/30/65	8724	7155	82.
7/1/65-6/30/66	9129	7462½	81.7
1/1/67-12/31/67	9313	7815	83.9
1/1/68-12/31/68	9421	8042	85.4
1/1/69-12/31/69	9061½	7118	78.5

**CONFERENCE OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES**

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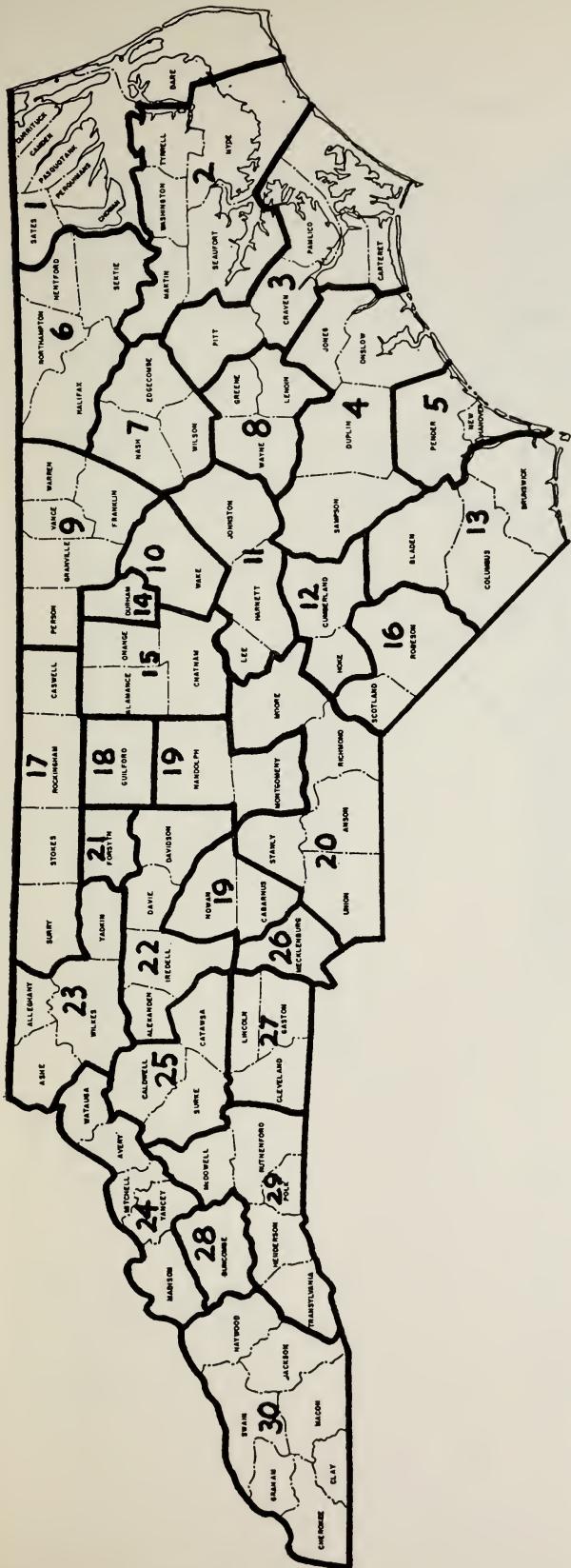
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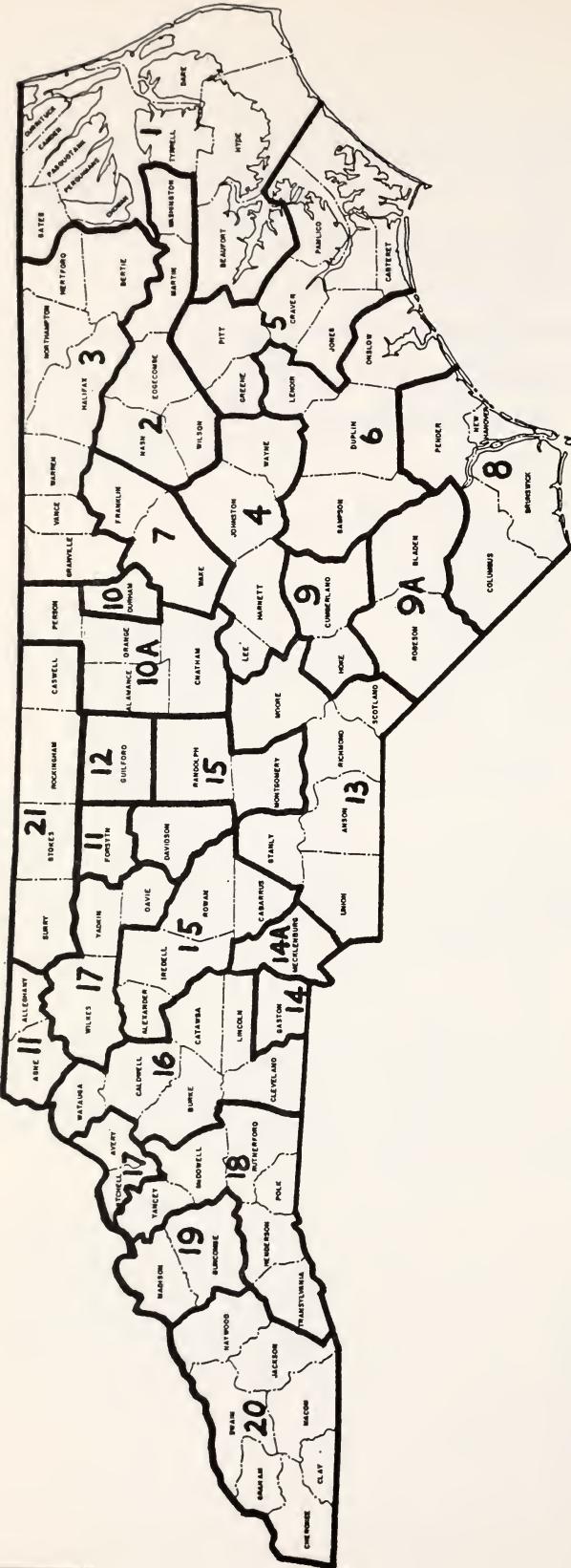
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5. Bradford Tillery
6. Joshua S. James
7. George M. Fountain
8. Albert W. Cowper
9. Hamilton H. Hobgood
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18. Charles T. Kivett
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22. John D. McConnell
23. Walter E. Johnston, Jr.
24. Harvey A. Lanton
25. Robert M. Gambill
26. Sam J. Ervin, III
27. Fred H. Hasty
28. Frank W. Sneed, Jr.
29. William T. Grist
30. P. C. Froneberger
31. B. T. Falls, Jr.
32. W. K. McLean
33. Harry C. Martin
34. J. W. Jackson
35. T. D. Bryson

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- |               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Greensboro    | Lenoir                 |
| Greensboro    | Fate J. Beal           |
| Troy          | James C. Bowman        |
| Spencer       | J. William Copeland    |
| Winston-Salem | A. Pilston Godwin, Jr. |
| Nashville     | Robert M. Martin       |
| Webster       | Hubert E. May          |
| Greenville    | Lacy H. Thornburg      |
|               | Marvin K. Blount, Jr.  |
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- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
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| W. H. S. Burgwyn    | Woodland       |
| Zeb V. Nettles      | Asheville      |
| Hubert E. Olive     | Lexington      |
| George B. Patton    | Franklin       |
| F. Donald Phillips  | Rockingham     |
| Francis O. Clarkson | Charlotte      |
| Henry L. Stevens    | Hendersonville |
| Chester R. Morris   | Bryson City    |



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### BY SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS

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|---|---|--|--|--|---|
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<b>County</b>	<b>Clerk of Court</b>
Alamance	Wiley P. Wooten
Alexander	Atwell B. Bumgarner
Alleghany	Glenn Busic
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Ashe	Virginia D. Winebarger
Avery	D. B. Eller
Beaufort	Bessie J. Cherry
Bertie	Robert E. Williford
Bladen	C. C. Campbell
Brunswick	J. E. Brown
Buncombe	R. C. Ratcliff
Burke	T. G. Bumgarner
Cabarrus	Estus B. White
Caldwell	Mary H. Thompson
Camden	Caroline G. Halstead
Carteret	A. H. James
Caswell	G. M. Harris
Catawba	Eunice Mauney
Chatham	J. W. Drake
Cherokee	D. W. Ramsey
Chowan	Lena M. Leary
Clay	Ralph A. Allison
Cleveland	Paul Wilson
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson
Craven	Dorothy P. Pate
Cumberland	Marion B. Person
Currituck	R. E. Saunders
Dare	C. S. Meekins
Davidson	E. R. Everhart
Davie	Glenn L. Hammer
Duplin	R. V. Wells
Durham	Alton Knight
Edgecombe	Don Gilliam, Jr.
Forsyth	A. E. Blackburn
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott
Gaston	George C. Holland
Gates	S. H. Carter, Jr.
Graham	O. W. Hooper, Jr.
Granville	Mary C. Nelms
Greene	S. T. Barrow
Guilford	J. P. Shore
Halifax	Jacob C. Taylor
Harnett	Elizabeth F. Matthews
Haywood	J. B. Siler
Henderson	J. Seldon Osteen
Hertford	A. W. Greene
Hoke	E. E. Smith
Hyde	Walter A. Credle
Iredell	C. G. Smith
Jackson	Margaret W. Henson
Johnston	James C. Woodard
Jones	F. Rogers Pollock
Lee	Sion H. Kelly

<b>County</b>	<b>Clerk of Court</b>
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Lincoln	M. L. Huggins
Macon	A. W. Perry
Madison	C. N. Willis
Martin	L. B. Wynne
McDowell	Robert Jarrett, Sr.
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Mitchell	Guy Snyder
Montgomery	C. M. Johnson
Moore	C. M. McLeod
Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
New Hanover	James G. McKeithan
Northampton	R. J. White, Jr.
Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Pamlico	Sadie W. Edwards
Pasquotank	Naomi A. Chesson
Pender	Frances N. Futch
Perquimans	W. J. Ward
Person	Rama J. Williams
Pitt	H. L. Lewis, Jr.
Polk	J. Thurston Arledge
Randolph	John H. Skeen
Richmond	T. L. Covington
Robeson	Ben G. Floyd
Rockingham	David Blackwell
Rowan	Frank M. Montgomery
Rutherford	Edgar W. Tanner
Sampson	Charles A. Britt
Scotland	J. M. McGregor
Stanly	Joe H. Lowder
Stokes	Robert Miller
Surry	Martha O. Comer
Swain	H. H. Sandlin
Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Tyrrell	Melvin Pledger
Union	Ethel M. Gordon
Vance	H. W. Hight
Wake	J. R. Nipper
Warren	Lanie M. Hayes
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Watauga	Orville H. Foster
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Yancey	Fred Proffitt

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## SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

The new district court system has been significantly effective in reducing the civil case load of the superior court. As compared to 1968, major reductions occurred in each measure of superior court activity. Total filings decreased by 64.1%, total dispositions decreased by 54.9%, and the total number of cases pending at the end of the year decreased by 35.6%. The percentage of reduction in dispositions is abnormally high because the figure for 1968 included cases that were "disposed of" simply by a transfer to the new district court. Most of the dispositions included in the 1969 figures were upon the merits of the case.

The decreased civil activity in the superior court is reflected in a reduction of the number of days of court scheduled and held. The number of days scheduled decreased by 13.7%, and the number of days actually held decreased by 24.8%. The percentage of court utilization dropped from 82.6% to 71.9%.

The ten counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 42.5% of the total pending civil cases. Fifty-five counties had fewer than 100 cases pending and only eight counties had more than 500 cases pending. At the end of 1968 four counties had more than 1000 pending cases, but on December 31, 1969, only Mecklenburg (with 1,171) exceeded that figure. In seven of the ten counties with the largest accumulated case loads the statewide percentage of utilization of civil court was exceeded.

### CIVIL CASES ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1964 - December 31, 1969

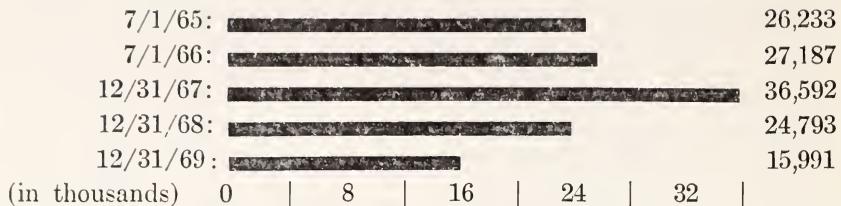
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1/1/67-12/31/67:	[REDACTED]	31,481
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1/1/68-12/31/68:	[REDACTED]	33,020
	[REDACTED]	45,848
1/1/69-12/31/69:	[REDACTED]	11,880
	[REDACTED]	20,692
(in thousands)	0   10   20   30   40   50	

**CIVIL CASES PENDING  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**

July 1, 1965 - December 31, 1969



**DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES  
AMONG THE COUNTIES**

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties 1968	30	16	23	17	12
1969	36	19	24	13	8

**TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS**

County	Pending 1-1-69	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-69	Utilization of Court
Mecklenburg	4,917	989	4,735	1,171	82.3%
Guilford	745	480	477	748	67.3%
Forsyth	1,666	494	1,497	663	91.6%
Durham	656	213	220	649	86.7%
Cabarrus	570	909	855	624	71.4%
Wake	501	407	297	611	85.4%
Lenoir	1,285	81	767	599	50.8%
Iredell	656	450	512	594	92.3%
Buncombe	462	814	779	497	76.9%
Randolph	562	190	258	494	85.7%
<b>STATE MEAN</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>71.9%</b>

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS  
BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

**January 1, 1969 — December 31, 1969**

	Pending 1/1/69	Filed	Disposed of			Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Judge	Other <sup>1</sup>		
<b>1ST DISTRICT</b>							
Camden	16	3	0	1	5	6	13 — 3
Chowan	28	7	0	5	2	7	28 — 0
Currituck	20	14	2	2	2	6	28 + 8
Dare	40	13	0	5	8	13	40 — 0
Gates	19	9	0	4	1	5	23 + 4
Pasquotank	78	47	5	16	22	43	82 + 4
Perquimans	32	6	3	0	3	6	32 — 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>246 + 13</b>
<b>2ND DISTRICT</b>							
Beaufort	1,199	50	6	18	1,107	1,131	118 — 1,081
Hyde	13	11	0	4	3	7	17 + 4
Martin	40	22	1	22	11	34	28 — 12
Tyrrell	6	5	0	1	6	7	4 — 2
Washington	18	17	9	6	4	19	16 — 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>183 — 1,093</b>
<b>3RD DISTRICT</b>							
Carteret	177	65	14	44	82	140	102 — 75
Craven	112	59	4	25	23	52	119 + 7
Pamlico	7	10	0	2	5	7	10 + 3
Pitt	157	69	7	23	22	52	174 + 17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>405 — 48</b>
<b>4TH DISTRICT</b>							
Duplin	161	37	3	10	19	32	166 + 5
Jones	27	12	2	3	8	13	26 — 1
Onslow	166	57	23	37	28	88	135 — 31
Sampson	338	35	6	8	250	264	109 — 229
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>436 — 256</b>
<b>5TH DISTRICT</b>							
New Hanover	269	132	33	54	43	130	271 + 2
Pender	54	20	4	4	9	17	57 + 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>328 + 5</b>

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	Pending 1/1/69	Filed	Disposed of			Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Judge	Other <sup>1</sup>		
<b>6TH DISTRICT</b>							
Bertie	130	27	14	45	29	88	69 — 61
Halifax	246	64	11	12	24	47	263 + 17
Hertford	28	36	7	8	15	30	34 + 6
Northampton	135	14	4	10	79	93	56 — 79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>422 — 117</b>
<b>7TH DISTRICT</b>							
Edgecombe	474	51	7	54	402	463	62 — 412
Nash	122	128	21	66	51	138	112 — 10
Wilson	180	87	12	38	26	76	191 + 11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>365 — 411</b>
<b>8TH DISTRICT</b>							
Greene	28	35	0	2	12	14	49 + 21
Lenoir	1,285	81	15	558	194	767	599 — 686
Wayne	165	103	12	52	36	100	168 + 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>816 — 662</b>
<b>9TH DISTRICT</b>							
Franklin	194	43	2	15	10	27	210 + 16
Granville	186	18	6	4	1	11	193 + 7
Person	24	21	2	8	9	19	26 + 2
Vance	150	22	15	13	98	126	46 — 104
Warren	31	6	6	11	2	19	18 — 13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>493 — 92</b>
<b>10TH DISTRICT</b>							
Wake	501	407	88	98	111	297	611 + 110
<b>11TH DISTRICT</b>							
Lee	62	51	9	15	15	39	74 + 12
Harnett	224	163	10	49	53	112	275 + 51
Johnston	166	130	17	66	38	121	175 + 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>524 + 72</b>
<b>12TH DISTRICT</b>							
Cumberland	323	222	24	100	127	251	294 — 29
Hoke	50	9	0	2	7	9	50 — 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>344 — 29</b>
<b>13TH DISTRICT</b>							
Bladen	40	25	1	5	17	23	42 + 2
Brunswick	140	34	3	16	16	35	139 — 1
Columbus	263	76	11	70	71	152	187 — 76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>368 — 75</b>

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	Pending 1/1/69	Filed	Disposed of				Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Judge	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total		
<b><u>14TH DISTRICT</u></b>								
Durham	656	213	21	54	145	220	649	— 7
<b><u>15TH DISTRICT</u></b>								
Alamance	680	120	8	16	645	669	131	— 549
Chatham	287	37	0	11	245	256	68	— 219
Orange	79	95	3	11	33	47	127	+ 48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>— 720</b>
<b><u>16TH DISTRICT</u></b>								
Robeson	103	55	10	26	12	48	110	+ 7
Scotland	90	22	5	39	4	48	64	— 26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>— 19</b>
<b><u>17TH DISTRICT</u></b>								
Caswell	12	50	1	17	27	45	17	+ 5
Rockingham	511	507	48	381	178	607	411	— 100
Stokes	75	106	0	93	10	103	78	+ 3
Surry	460	353	43	178	252	473	340	— 120
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>— 212</b>
<b><u>18TH DISTRICT</u></b>								
Guilford—								
Greensboro	520	360	45	169	116	330	550	+ 30
High Point	225	120	17	82	48	147	198	— 27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>+ 3</b>
<b><u>19TH DISTRICT</u></b>								
Cabarrus	570	909	63	341	451	855	624	+ 54
Montgomery	44	60	1	38	21	60	44	0
Randolph	562	190	16	203	39	258	494	— 68
Rowan	309	431	33	386	131	550	190	— 119
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>— 133</b>
<b><u>20TH DISTRICT</u></b>								
Moore	173	47	9	91	29	129	91	— 82
Anson	26	21	1	17	11	29	18	— 8
Richmond	149	75	23	30	56	109	115	— 34
Stanly	60	21	4	7	12	23	58	— 2
Union	62	74	11	10	65	86	50	— 12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>— 138</b>
<b><u>21ST DISTRICT</u></b>								
Forsyth	1,666	494	31	517	949	1,497	663	— 1,003

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	Pending 1/1/69	Filed	Jury	Disposed Judge	of Other <sup>1</sup>	Total	Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss	
<b>22ND DISTRICT</b>									
Alexander	42	56	4	18	29	51	47	+	5
Davidson	235	575	44	274	73	391	419	+	184
Davie	79	100	15	60	32	107	72	—	7
Iredell	656	450	32	234	246	512	594	—	62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>23RD DISTRICT</b>									
Alleghany	30	36	7	16	12	35	31	+	1
Ashe	26	58	9	17	32	58	26	—	0
Wilkes	426	691	57	239	329	625	492	+	66
Yadkin	186	121	2	53	57	112	195	+	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>24TH DISTRICT</b>									
Avery	13	32	2	8	17	27	18	+	5
Madison	51	24	1	31	10	42	33	—	18
Mitchell	8	32	8	8	6	22	18	+	10
Watauga	28	3	2	10	8	20	11	—	17
Yancy	72	50	0	15	55	70	52	—	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>25TH DISTRICT</b>									
Catawba	206	78	9	37	35	81	203	—	3
Burke	83	46	4	21	21	46	83	—	0
Caldwell	75	51	0	27	20	47	79	+	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>26TH DISTRICT</b>									
Mecklenburg	4,917	989	109	52	4,574	4,735	1,171	—	3,746
<b>27TH DISTRICT</b>									
Cleveland	217	68	19	41	28	88	197	—	20
Gaston	449	282	32	235	78	345	386	—	63
Lincoln	19	35	0	18	0	18	36	+	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>28TH DISTRICT</b>									
Buncombe	462	814	93	522	164	779	497	+	35
<b>29TH DISTRICT</b>									
Henderson	134	76	11	16	17	44	166	+	32
McDowell	250	19	5	0	197	202	67	—	183
Polk	4	33	1	7	1	9	28	+	24
Rutherford	109	62	8	46	14	68	103	—	6
Transylvania	18	16	6	3	6	15	19	+	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>132</b>

1. Includes some pending superior court cases which were transferred to the district court division after its establishment in sixty-one counties in December of 1968. The figures therefore appear unusually high for some counties, e.g., Beaufort County.

<i>30TH DISTRICT</i>	Pending 1/1/69	Filed	Disposed of				Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Judge	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total		
Cherokee	81	24	14	43	15	72	33	— 48
Clay	16	18	5	7	7	19	15	— 1
Graham	61	5	4	23	24	51	15	— 46
Haywood	153	52	14	58	51	123	82	— 71
Jackson	142	40	2	40	27	69	113	— 29
Macon	66	12	5	32	7	44	34	— 32
Swain	46	19	2	21	17	40	25	— 21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>— 248</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>24,803</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>6,560</b>	<b>12,794</b>	<b>20,692</b>	<b>15,991</b>	<b>— 8,812</b>
Per Cent			6.4	31.8	61.8	100%		

### UTILIZATION OF CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1969 Calendar Year

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>				
Camden	5	3	2	60.0
Chowan	5	4	1	80.0
Currituck	15	11	4	73.3
Dare	10	7	3	70.0
Gates	2	1½	½	75.0
Pasquotank	30	16½	13½	55.0
Perquimans	10	6	4	60.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>63.6</b>
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>				
Beaufort	45	23	22	51.1
Hyde	5	1½	3½	30.0
Martin	30	14½	15½	48.3
Tyrrell	4	2	2	50.0
Washington	9	3	6	33.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47.3</b>
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>				
Carteret	48	36	12	75.0
Craven	28	13½	14½	48.2
Pamlico	5	0	5	0
Pitt	40	26	14	65.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>75½</b>	<b>45½</b>	<b>62.3</b>
<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>				
Duplin	30	20½	9½	68.3
Jones	20	16	4	80.0
Onslow	40	16	24	40.0
Sampson	29	9	20	31.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>61½</b>	<b>57½</b>	<b>51.6</b>

1. Includes some pending superior court cases which were transferred to the district court division after its establishment in sixty-one counties in December of 1968. The figures therefore appear unusually high for some counties, e.g., Beaufort County.

	<b>Days Scheduled</b>	<b>Days Held</b>	<b>Days Unused</b>	<b>% Used</b>
<b>5TH DISTRICT</b>				
New Hanover	134	93	41	69.4
Pender	21	9	12	42.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>65.8</b>
<b>6TH DISTRICT</b>				
Bertie	10	7½	2½	75.0
Halifax	40	15½	24½	38.7
Hertford	17	13	4	76.4
Northampton	15	7	8	46.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>52.4</b>
<b>7TH DISTRICT</b>				
Edgecombe	30	22½	7½	75.0
Nash	55	45	10	81.8
Wilson	48	33	15	68.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>100½</b>	<b>32½</b>	<b>75.5</b>
<b>8TH DISTRICT</b>				
Greene	13	5	8	38.4
Lenoir	61	31	30	50.8
Wayne	55	49	6	89.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>65.8</b>
<b>9TH DISTRICT</b>				
Franklin	25	13	12	52.0
Granville	26	15	11	57.6
Person	20	10	10	50.0
Vance	20	16	4	80.0
Warren	15	9	6	60.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>59.4</b>
<b>10TH DISTRICT</b>				
Wake	213	182	31	85.4
<b>11TH DISTRICT</b>				
Harnett	75	58	17	77.3
Lee	43	26½	16½	61.6
Johnston	75	51	24	68.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>135½</b>	<b>57½</b>	<b>70.2</b>
<b>12TH DISTRICT</b>				
Cumberland	96½	55½	41	57.5
Hoke	5	2	3	40.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101½</b>	<b>57½</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56.6</b>
<b>13TH DISTRICT</b>				
Bladen	10	3	7	30.0
Brunswick	35	15	20	42.8
Columbus	65	44½	20½	68.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>62½</b>	<b>47½</b>	<b>56.8</b>

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<b><u>14TH DISTRICT</u></b>				
Durham	106	92	14	86.7
<b><u>15TH DISTRICT</u></b>				
Alamance	60	39	21	65.0
Chatham	25	21	4	84.0
Orange	35	25	10	71.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>70.8</b>
<b><u>16TH DISTRICT</u></b>				
Robeson	65	42	23	64.6
Scotland	25	15	10	60.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>63.3</b>
<b><u>17TH DISTRICT</u></b>				
Caswell	10	4½	5½	45.0
Rockingham	65	47	18	72.3
Stokes	10	5	5	50.0
Surry	48	34	14	70.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>90½</b>	<b>42½</b>	<b>68.0</b>
<b><u>18TH DISTRICT</u></b>				
Guilford	253	170½	82½	67.3
<b><u>19TH DISTRICT</u></b>				
Cabarrus	77	55	22	71.4
Montgomery	10	3	7	30.0
Randolph	105	90	15	85.7
Rowan	55	48	7	87.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>79.3</b>
<b><u>20TH DISTRICT</u></b>				
Anson	20	6	14	30.0
Moore	25	16	9	64.0
Richmond	45	26	19	57.7
Stanly	10	9	1	90.0
Union	20	18	2	90.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>62.5</b>
<b><u>21ST DISTRICT</u></b>				
Forsyth	228	209	19	91.6
<b><u>22ND DISTRICT</u></b>				
Alexander	5	4	1	80.0
Davidson	111	77	34	69.3
Davie	23½	15	8½	63.2
Iredell	46	42½	3½	92.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185½</b>	<b>138½</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>74.6</b>

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>				
Alleghany	10	4½	5½	45.0
Ashe	10	2	8	20.0
Wilkes	60	49	11	81.6
Yadkin	7	6	1	85.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>61½</b>	<b>25½</b>	<b>70.6</b>
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>				
Avery	10	4½	5½	45.0
Madison	25	12	13	48.0
Mitchell	10	7	3	70.0
Watauga	10	5	5	50.0
Yancey	15	9½	5½	63.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>54.2</b>
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>				
Burke	29	27	2	93.1
Caldwell	35	23	12	65.7
Catawba	39	27	12	69.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>74.7</b>
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>				
Mecklenburg	471	388	83	82.3
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cleveland	38	27	11	71.0
Gaston	130	95	35	73.0
Lincoln	12	11	1	91.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>73.8</b>
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>				
Buncombe	295	227	68	76.9
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>				
Henderson	35	30	5	85.7
McDowell	15	10½	4½	70.0
Polk	15	10	5	66.6
Rutherford	30	22	8	73.3
Transylvania	15	6	9	40.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>78½</b>	<b>31½</b>	<b>71.3</b>
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cherokee	30	19	11	63.3
Clay	7	7	0	100.0
Graham	12	9	3	75.0
Haywood	47	43	4	91.4
Jackson	18	10½	7½	58.3
Macon	19½	16	3½	82.0
Swain	9	7½	1½	83.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142½</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>30½</b>	<b>78.5</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,573½</b>	<b>3,289½</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>71.9</b>

## SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

An examination of the criminal statistics for the superior court indicates that it is the civil and not the criminal case load that is primarily responsible for the reduced level of activity. This undoubtedly is due to the fact that prior to court reorganization there were few recorder-type courts exercising civil jurisdiction, but there were many exercising criminal jurisdiction. Consequently, the criminal dockets of the superior courts have not been as significantly affected.

The total number of filings decreased from 1968 by 8.9%. Although the number of days scheduled increased by 7.8% and the number of days actually held increased by 4.2%, the number of cases disposed of decreased by 9.7%. The number of cases pending at the end of the year remained about the same—increasing by only 3.5%. The number of cases filed (33,818) and disposed of (33,456) in 1969 was almost equal.

The distribution of pending criminal cases among the counties resembles the distribution for civil cases. Most of the counties have relatively few pending cases, while a few counties have a large number. Sixty-four counties had less than 100 cases pending at the end of the year and only five counties had more than 500 cases pending. The ten counties with the largest criminal dockets accounted for 38.7% of the total pending criminal cases. None of these counties exceeded the statewide average for utilization of criminal court.

### CRIMINAL CASES ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

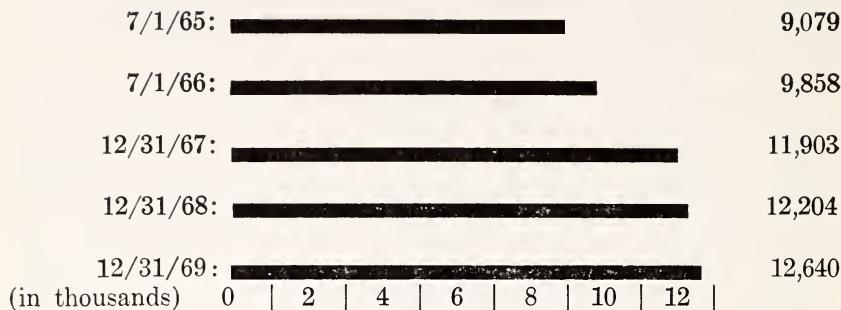
July 1, 1964 - December 31, 1969

Added                          Disposed of

7/1/64-6/30/65:	[REDACTED]	32,698
	[REDACTED]	32,833
7/1/65-6/30/66:	[REDACTED]	31,633
	[REDACTED]	30,941
1/1/67-12/31/67:	[REDACTED]	33,241
	[REDACTED]	31,830
1/1/68-12/31/68:	[REDACTED]	37,095
	[REDACTED]	37,031
1/1/69-12/31/69:	[REDACTED]	33,818
	[REDACTED]	33,456
(in thousands)	0   10   20   30   40	

**CRIMINAL CASES PENDING  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**

July 1, 1965 - December 31, 1969



**DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES  
AMONG THE COUNTIES**

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties 1968	39	24	16	19	3
1969	40	24	17	15	5

**TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS**

County	Pending 1-1-69	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-69	Utilization of Court
Guilford	620	2,061	2,013	668	77.6%
Wake	580	1,134	1,057	657	98.7%
Rowan	485	463	381	567	97.5%
Iredell	553	1,209	1,238	524	87.7%
Cabarrus	398	964	851	511	96.0%
Cumberland	301	1,190	1,048	443	86.7%
Wayne	105	836	510	431	93.2%
Catawba	515	943	1,059	399	92.9%
New Hanover	267	1,062	977	352	97.0%
Randolph	335	348	342	341	91.3%
<b>STATE MEAN</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>85.3%</b>

**CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND  
DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS  
BY SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS**

January 1, 1969 — December 31, 1969

	Pending 1/1/69	Filed	Disposed of			Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Plea	Other		
<b>1ST DISTRICT</b>							
Beaufort <sup>2</sup>	115	231	35	152	67	254	92 — 23
Camden <sup>1</sup>	7	33	9	18	6	33	7 0
Chowan <sup>1</sup>	39	132	11	50	47	108	63 + 24
Currituck <sup>1</sup>	26	59	11	34	11	56	29 + 3
Dare <sup>1</sup>	58	142	17	107	46	170	30 — 28
Gates <sup>1</sup>	37	31	2	23	10	35	33 — 4
Hyde <sup>2</sup>	54	81	65	16	48	129	6 — 48
Pasquotank <sup>1</sup>	54	188	19	115	74	208	34 — 20
Perquimans <sup>1</sup>	23	45	4	20	25	49	19 — 4
Tyrrell <sup>2</sup>	8	24	0	13	2	15	17 + 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>330 — 91</b>
<b>2ND DISTRICT</b>							
Edgecombe <sup>1</sup>	66	360	50	185	108	343	83 + 17
Martin <sup>2</sup>	15	175	14	116	37	167	23 + 8
Nash <sup>7</sup>	219	453	36	305	234	575	97 — 122
Washington <sup>2</sup>	12	39	12	9	14	35	16 + 4
Wilson <sup>7</sup>	107	471	64	243	160	467	111 + 4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>1,587</b>	<b>330 — 89</b>
<b>3RD DISTRICT</b>							
Bertie <sup>6</sup>	17	63	7	33	28	68	12 — 5
Granville <sup>9</sup>	103	211	14	111	103	228	86 — 17
Halifax <sup>6</sup>	37	213	13	125	67	205	45 + 8
Hertford <sup>6</sup>	47	83	8	41	46	95	35 — 12
Northampton <sup>6</sup>	48	53	16	32	32	80	21 — 27
Vance <sup>9</sup>	89	426	31	206	159	396	119 + 30
Warren <sup>9</sup>	69	110	13	52	59	124	55 — 14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>373 — 37</b>
<b>4TH DISTRICT</b>							
Lee <sup>11</sup>	65	142	17	54	48	119	88 + 23
Harnett <sup>11</sup>	115	218	12	84	88	184	149 + 34
Johnston <sup>11</sup>	154	289	22	162	153	337	106 — 48
Wayne <sup>8</sup>	105	836	56	236	218	510	431 + 326
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>774 + 335</b>
<b>5TH DISTRICT</b>							
Carteret <sup>3</sup>	270	222	7	136	139	282	210 — 60
Craven <sup>3</sup>	355	421	29	165	274	468	308 — 47
Greene <sup>8</sup>	10	102	14	41	25	80	32 + 22
Jones <sup>4</sup>	15	30	3	19	15	37	8 — 7
Pamlico <sup>3</sup>	18	28	5	9	9	23	23 + 5
Pitt <sup>3</sup>	245	528	58	256	245	559	214 — 31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>795 — 118</b>

	Pending 1/1/69	Filed	Disposed of				Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
<i>6TH DISTRICT</i>								
Duplin <sup>4</sup>	64	158	9	112	43	164	58	— 6
Lenoir <sup>8</sup>	120	468	109	171	243	523	65	— 55
Onslow <sup>1</sup>	64	311	26	130	122	278	97	+ 33
Sampson <sup>4</sup>	76	192	34	85	84	203	65	— 11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>— 39</b>
<i>7TH DISTRICT</i>								
Franklin <sup>9</sup>	70	263	14	105	15	134	199	+ 129
Wake <sup>10</sup>	580	1,134	268	589	200	1,057	657	+ 77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>+ 206</b>
<i>8TH DISTRICT</i>								
Brunswick <sup>13</sup>	26	107	16	59	19	94	39	+ 13
Columbus <sup>13</sup>	58	278	73	166	18	257	79	+ 21
New Hanover <sup>5</sup>	267	1,062	81	626	270	977	352	+ 85
Pender <sup>5</sup>	36	165	5	83	43	131	70	+ 34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>+ 153</b>
<i>9TH DISTRICT</i>								
Cumberland <sup>12</sup>	301	1,190	119	431	498	1,048	443	+ 142
Hoke <sup>12</sup>	77	77	20	60	43	123	31	— 46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>+ 96</b>
<i>9TH-A DISTRICT</i>								
Bladen <sup>13</sup>	61	98	33	73	17	123	36	— 25
Robeson <sup>10</sup>	174	738	135	395	180	710	202	+ 28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>+ 3</b>
<i>10TH DISTRICT</i>								
Durham <sup>14</sup>	261	843	112	520	297	929	175	— 86
<i>10TH-A DISTRICT</i>								
Alamance <sup>15</sup>	103	595	47	350	164	561	137	+ 34
Chatham <sup>15</sup>	97	140	15	67	64	146	91	— 6
Orange <sup>15</sup>	42	231	38	131	76	245	28	— 14
Person <sup>1</sup>	59	218	18	132	87	237	40	— 19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>— 5</b>
<i>11TH DISTRICT</i>								
Alleghany <sup>25</sup>	50	306	5	271	63	339	17	— 33
Ashe <sup>27</sup>	38	262	1	228	41	270	30	— 8
Forsyth <sup>21</sup>	35	1,217	130	538	437	1,105	147	+ 112
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>+ 71</b>

	Pending 1/1/69	Filed	Disposed of				Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
<b>12TH DISTRICT</b>								
Davidson <sup>22</sup>	389	662	20	250	452	722	329	— 60
Guilford—								
Greensboro	480	1,573	120	844	541	1,505	548	+ 68
High Point	140	488	42	259	207	508	120	— 20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>— 12</b>
<b>13TH DISTRICT</b>								
Anson <sup>20</sup>	70	146	23	71	55	149	67	— 3
Moore <sup>20</sup>	129	237	45	166	62	273	93	— 36
Richmond <sup>20</sup>	92	322	36	177	82	295	119	+ 27
Scotland <sup>14</sup>	29	240	18	114	57	189	80	+ 51
Stanly <sup>20</sup>	26	275	20	177	28	225	76	+ 50
Union <sup>20</sup>	136	360	42	138	47	227	269	+ 133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>+ 222</b>
<b>14TH DISTRICT</b>								
Gaston <sup>27</sup>	265	476	77	274	162	513	228	— 37
<b>14TH-A DISTRICT</b>								
Mecklenburg <sup>26</sup>	313	1,781	175	1,084	672	1,931	163	— 150
<b>15TH DISTRICT</b>								
Alexander <sup>22</sup>	48	196	2	102	0	104	140	+ 92
Cabarrus <sup>19</sup>	398	964	73	403	375	851	511	+ 113
Iredell <sup>22</sup>	553	1,209	58	701	479	1,238	524	— 29
Montgomery <sup>19</sup>	36	134	9	61	24	94	76	+ 40
Randolph <sup>19</sup>	335	348	24	157	161	342	341	— 6
Rowan <sup>19</sup>	485	463	39	138	204	381	567	+ 82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>2,159</b>	<b>+ 304</b>
<b>16TH DISTRICT</b>								
Burke <sup>25</sup>	233	541	43	362	89	494	280	+ 47
Caldwell <sup>25</sup>	230	479	21	367	175	563	146	— 84
Catawba <sup>25</sup>	515	943	45	800	214	1,059	399	— 116
Cleveland <sup>27</sup>	233	273	43	188	173	404	102	— 131
Lincoln <sup>27</sup>	47	138	8	75	13	96	89	+ 42
Watauga <sup>24</sup>	56	107	8	41	47	96	67	+ 11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>— 231</b>
<b>17TH DISTRICT</b>								
Avery <sup>24</sup>	25	82	12	24	27	63	44	+ 19
Davie <sup>22</sup>	65	142	9	73	51	133	44	— 21
Mitchell <sup>24</sup>	23	33	13	10	10	33	23	0
Wilkes <sup>23</sup>	60	301	6	219	119	344	17	— 43
Yadkin <sup>23</sup>	13	68	8	54	9	71	10	— 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>— 48</b>

	Pending 1/1/69	Filed	Disposed of				Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
<i>18TH DISTRICT</i>								
Henderson	178	196	18	109	99	226	148	— 30
McDowell	94	251	39	42	146	227	118	+ 24
Polk	46	65	10	27	46	83	48	+ 2
Rutherford	105	312	53	128	200	381	36	— 69
Transylvania	27	57	25	24	18	67	17	— 10
Yancey	29	51	11	29	25	65	15	— 14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>— 97</b>
<i>19TH DISTRICT</i>								
Buncombe	270	1,097	158	327	583	1,068	299	+ 29
Madison	47	49	12	12	36	60	36	— 11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>+ 18</b>
<i>20TH DISTRICT</i>								
Cherokee	56	104	11	66	35	112	48	— 8
Clay	11	24	4	20	3	27	8	— 3
Graham	12	27	2	21	0	23	16	+ 4
Haywood	160	226	17	195	75	287	99	— 61
Jackson	27	78	6	56	19	81	24	— 3
Macon	6	29	5	9	13	27	8	+ 2
Swain	19	54	1	20	22	43	30	+ 11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>— 58</b>
<i>21ST DISTRICT</i>								
Caswell	40	87	1	39	17	57	70	+ 30
Rockingham	254	1,011	40	602	378	1,020	245	— 9
Stokes	33	114	2	78	12	92	55	+ 22
Surry	179	523	16	391	107	514	188	+ 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>+ 52</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>12,278</b>	<b>33,818</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>18,014</b>	<b>11,990</b>	<b>33,456</b>	<b>12,640</b>	<b>+ 362</b>
Per Cent				10.4	53.8	35.8	100.0	

**UTILIZATION OF CRIMINAL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY  
SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS**

**1969 Calendar Year**

	<b>Days Scheduled</b>	<b>Days Held</b>	<b>Days Unused</b>	<b>Per Cent Used</b>
<b><i>1ST DISTRICT</i></b>				
Beaufort	45	39	6	86.6
Camden	10	10	0	100.0
Chowan	13	11	2	84.6
Currituck	10	11	0	100.0
Dare	15	13	2	86.6
Gates	8	6	2	75.0
Hyde	25	20	5	80.0
Pasquotank	30	29	1	96.6
Perquimans	10	9	1	90.0
Tyrrell	6	4	2	66.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>88.3</b>
<b><i>2ND DISTRICT</i></b>				
Edgecombe	40	35	5	87.5
Martin	20	14	6	70.0
Nash	43	42	1	97.6
Washington	11	6	5	54.5
Wilson	55	51	4	92.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>87.5</b>
<b><i>3RD DISTRICT</i></b>				
Bertie	18	10½	7½	58.3
Granville	19	17½	1½	92.1
Halifax	30	25	5	83.3
Hertford	18	11½	6½	63.8
Northampton	15	12	3	80.0
Vance	25	19	6	76.0
Warren	14	12	2	85.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>107½</b>	<b>31½</b>	<b>77.3</b>
<b><i>4TH DISTRICT</i></b>				
Harnett	35	26½	8½	75.7
Johnston	40	30	10	75.0
Lee	20	12½	7½	62.5
Wayne	74	69	5	93.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>81.6</b>
<b><i>5TH DISTRICT</i></b>				
Carteret	15	12	3	80.0
Craven	50	38	12	76.0
Greene	17	12	5	70.5
Jones	5	3	2	60.0
Pamlico	10	5	5	50.0
Pitt	55	45	10	81.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>75.6</b>

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	Per Cent Used
<i>6TH DISTRICT</i>				
Duplin	35	24½	10½	70.0
Lenoir	80	74	6	92.5
Onslow	40	27	13	67.5
Sampson	38	24	14	63.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>149½</b>	<b>43½</b>	<b>77.4</b>
<i>7TH DISTRICT</i>				
Franklin	25	22	3	88.0
Wake	243	240	3	98.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>97.7</b>
<i>8TH DISTRICT</i>				
Brunswick	20	15	5	75.0
Columbus	48	39	9	81.2
New Hanover	100	97	3	97.0
Pender	19	18	1	94.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>90.3</b>
<i>9TH DISTRICT</i>				
Cumberland	159	138	21	86.7
Hoke	25	22	3	88.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>86.9</b>
<i>9TH-A DISTRICT</i>				
Bladen	20	18½	1½	92.5
Robeson	94	91	3	96.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>109½</b>	<b>4½</b>	<b>96.0</b>
<i>10TH DISTRICT</i>				
Durham	207	196	11	94.6
<i>10TH-A DISTRICT</i>				
Alamance	70	67	3	95.7
Chatham	18	16	2	88.8
Orange	40	36	4	90.0
Person	20	16	4	80.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>91.2</b>
<i>11TH DISTRICT</i>				
Alleghany	10	7	3	70.0
Ashe	15	8	7	53.3
Forsyth	213	203	10	95.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>91.5</b>
<i>12TH DISTRICT</i>				
Davidson	49	42	7	85.7
Guilford	278	216	62	77.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>78.8</b>

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	Per Cent Used
<i>13TH DISTRICT</i>				
Anson	15	13½	1½	90.0
Moore	25	24	1	96.0
Richmond	35	35	0	100.0
Scotland	20	20	0	100.0
Stanly	18	15	3	83.3
Union	25	22½	2½	90.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>94.2</b>
<i>14TH DISTRICT</i>				
Gaston	174	146	28	83.9
<i>14TH-A DISTRICT</i>				
Mecklenburg	322	258	64	80.1
<i>15TH DISTRICT</i>				
Alexander	10	5½	4½	55.0
Cabarrus	51	49	2	96.0
Iredell	49	43	6	87.7
Montgomery	20	10	10	50.0
Randolph	23	21	2	91.3
Rowan	40	39	1	97.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>167½</b>	<b>25½</b>	<b>86.7</b>
<i>16TH DISTRICT</i>				
Burke	55	50	5	90.9
Caldwell	70	63	7	90.0
Catawba	85	79	6	92.9
Cleveland	70	63½	6½	90.7
Lincoln	18	18	0	100.0
Watauga	20	16	4	80.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>289½</b>	<b>28½</b>	<b>91.0</b>
<i>17TH DISTRICT</i>				
Avery	10	8½	1½	85.0
Davie	16½	11	5½	66.6
Mitchell	14	11½	2½	82.1
Wilkes	30	26	4	86.6
Yadkin	18	9½	8½	52.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88½</b>	<b>66½</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>75.1</b>
<i>18TH DISTRICT</i>				
Henderson	40	38	7	82.5
McDowell	35	30	5	85.7
Polk	15	13	2	86.6
Rutherford	35	34	1	97.1
Transylvania	25	18	7	72.0
Yancey	13	11½	1½	88.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>139½</b>	<b>23½</b>	<b>85.5</b>

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	Per Cent Used
<i>19TH DISTRICT</i>				
Buncombe	196	146	50	74.4
Madison	25	19	6	76.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74.6</b>
<i>20TH DISTRICT</i>				
Cherokee	10	9½	½	95.0
Clay	3	2	1	66.6
Graham	5	2	3	40.0
Haywood	30	25	5	83.3
Jackson	12	8½	3½	70.8
Macon	5½	3	2½	54.5
Swain	11	4½	6½	40.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76½</b>	<b>54½</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>71.2</b>
<i>21ST DISTRICT</i>				
Caswell	10	6	4	60.0
Rockingham	65	53½	11½	82.3
Stokes	10	7	3	70.0
Surry	42	28	14	66.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>94½</b>	<b>32½</b>	<b>74.4</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>3,828½</b>	<b>660½</b>	<b>85.3</b>

## THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

The year 1969 marks the first time that statistical data from all 83 counties now under the district court system has been available for an entire twelve month period. It is still premature to make entirely valid comparisons between the 1968 and 1969 statistics, since the majority of the 83 counties were under the new system for only the month of December in 1968. The more valid observations may be made about the types of cases handled and the manner of disposition during 1969.

Although the district court may try civil cases in an unlimited monetary amount, the statistics indicate that the greater volume of its work consists of small claims (\$300 or less) and domestic and juvenile matters. Of the total of 101,099 cases filed in 1969, 51.7% consisted of small claims, 23.2% consisted of domestic and juvenile matters, and 25.1% were for claims in excess of \$300. The 25,366 cases constituting this latter category are largely responsible for the significant reduction in the civil case load of the superior court. Of the total of 93,734 cases which were disposed of, 32.9% were handled by the judge without a jury and only 2.5% were disposed of with a jury. Fifty percent of all civil dispositions were by the magistrates and 14.6% were disposed of by other means.

In the discretion of the Chief District Judge, small claim actions may be assigned to a magistrate or reserved for regular disposition by a district judge. The statistics indicate that 89.5% of all small claims were disposed of by magistrates. In two counties, no small claims were assigned to magistrates.

District court criminal statistics reveal that the volume of activity consists of motor vehicle violations. In 1969, 64.9% (481,838) of all criminal cases filed were for violations of the traffic laws; other criminal offenses (260,535) made up the remaining 35.1%. Only 14.1% of these cases were contested resulting in a full fledged trial before a district court judge. A judge or magistrate disposed of 31.8% upon a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, and 40.8% were disposed of by a written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty before a magistrate or clerk. Preliminary hearings constituted only 1.6% of the business of the district court and the remaining 11.7% of the total filings were disposed of by other means.

All but the most serious motor vehicle violations may be disposed

of by a simple written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty which the violator may submit to either a magistrate or a clerk of the superior court. Utilization of this procedure for disposing of guilty pleas eases courtroom congestion and delay. In 1969, 61.7% of all motor vehicle filings were disposed of by this procedure. Yet, due to a number of factors, the use of this procedure varies widely from county to county. A number of counties disposed of more than 75% of their traffic cases by waiver but in some counties the rate was as low as 20 to 50%. There is no "correct" percentage of cases that should be disposed of in this way. The increased use of the waiver, however, would remove from the courts traffic violators who simply wish to enter a guilty plea and would give judicial personnel more time to devote to significant matters.

In 1969, the district court held 5,273 days of civil court and 10,442 days of criminal court. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is authorized to transfer a district judge from one district to another for temporary or specialized duty. During this year, judges held a total of 133 days of court in judicial districts other than their own.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS  
BY DISTRICT

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*15.	Harry Horton Stanley Peele D. Marsh McLellan Coleman Cates	Pittsboro Chapel Hill Burlington Burlington
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*29.	Robert T. Gash Wade B. Matheny Everette C. Carnes	Brevard Forest City Marion
*30.	F. E. Alley, Jr. Robert J. Leatherwood, III	Waynesville Bryson City

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*1.	Thomas Watts	Elizabeth City
*2.	W. C. Griffin, Jr.	Williamston
*3.	Eli Bloom William Henry Barker	Greenville Oriental

*4.	Alexander T. Shaw, Jr. Kenneth W. Turner	Jacksonville Rose Hill
*5.	James T. Stroud, Jr.	Wilmington
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*30.	James H. Howell, Jr.	Waynesville

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\*Chief Prosecutor

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS**  
**BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION**

January 1, 1969 — December 31, 1969

	Pending 1/1/69	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of <sup>1</sup>			Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss	
		Small <sup>2</sup> Claims	Domestic Relations	Juvenile <sup>2</sup>	Other	Total	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	
<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>										
Camden	16	30	1	10	41	0	7	32	2	41
Chowan	21	107	133	25	265	1	133	96	18	248
Currituck	7	44	17	6	67	0	18	39	9	66
Dare	39	70	21	18	109	2	32	52	3	89
Gates	26	237	16	41	294	6	222	25	25	262
Pasquotank	115	264	133	120	517	35	122	274	95	526
Perquimans	46	41	26	10	77	9	21	39	19	88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>1,320</b>
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>										
Beaufort	25	488	119	1,262	1,869	20	941	472	72	1,505
Hyde	50	33	12	24	69	2	52	31	16	101
Martin	127	349	125	80	554	38	93	334	40	505
Tyrrell	9	44	3	8	55	0	12	21	20	53
Washington	43	121	116	46	283	12	100	83	104	299
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>2,463</b>
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>										
Carteret	488	114	174	294	582	36	353	146	213	748
Craven	1,377	394	371	287	1,052	47	321	351	276	995
Pamlico	69	62	12	19	93	0	14	67	26	107
Pitt	821	782	200	313	1,295	36	572	717	283	1,608
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>3,458</b>

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Pending 1/1/69	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss	
	Small <sup>1</sup> Claims	Domestic Claims	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	
<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>										
Duplin	436	241	232	175	648	26	271	224	122	643
Jones	24	45	32	36	113	0	48	43	7	98
Onslow	177	1,229	279	391	1,899	2	372	800	129	1,303
Sampson	268	432	128	503	1,063	12	159	368	104	643
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>3,723</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>2,687</b>
<i>5TH DISTRICT</i>										
New Hanover	942	900	1,533	498	2,931	122	1,859	661	252	2,894
Pender	312	96	48	189	333	14	197	90	105	406
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2,056</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>3,300</b>
<i>6TH DISTRICT</i>										
Bertie	48	227	58	115	400	13	92	200	36	341
Halifax	223	256	251	108	615	11	203	198	92	504
Hertford	244	187	67	86	340	21	50	144	101	316
Northampton	18	194	65	115	374	14	42	151	33	240
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>1,401</b>
<i>7TH DISTRICT</i>										
Edgecombe	284	833	247	174	1,254	19	400	743	184	1,346
Nash	653	570	550	178	1,298	76	846	601	125	1,648
Wilson	704	1,540	302	188	2,030	35	731	1,509	193	2,468
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>2,943</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>4,582</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>5,462</b>

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	Pending 1/1/69	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of			Pending 12/31/69	Gain or Loss		
		Small Claims	Domestic Juvenile <sup>2</sup>	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	
<i>8TH DISTRICT</i>											
Greene	28	108	59	71	238	4	24	101	13	142	124
Lenoir	1,329	933	233	571	1,737	16	142	670	340	1,168	1,898
Wayne	452	1,126	417	712	2,255	54	446	1,085	293	1,878	829
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>4,230</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>2,851</b>
<i>9TH DISTRICT</i>											
Franklin	317	375	97	142	614	6	55	338	199	598	333
Granville	90	330	28	100	458	12	54	274	20	360	188
Person	105	713	9	113	835	0	57	501	38	596	344
Vance	171	467	86	198	751	4	75	552	74	705	217
Warren	48	84	54	33	171	6	31	71	6	114	105
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>1,187</b>
<i>10TH DISTRICT</i>											
Wake	1,053	3,588	1,050	1,292	5,930	100	668	3,355	690	4,813	2,170
<i>11TH DISTRICT</i>											
Harnett	710	474	248	569	1,291	17	539	383	384	1,323	678
Johnston	395	505	214	935	1,654	0	406	445	355	1,206	843
Lee	340	376	257	186	819	7	179	348	105	639	520
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>3,764</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>3,168</b>	<b>2,041</b>
<i>12TH DISTRICT</i>											
Cumberland	1,325	2,543	1,730	630	4,903	154	1,384	2,230	406	4,174	2,054
Hoke	99	134	56	208	398	10	54	118	139	321	176
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>2,677</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>5,301</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>4,495</b>	<b>2,230</b>

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		Small/ Claims	Domestic Juvenile <sup>2</sup>	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	12/31/69	
<i>13TH DISTRICT</i>												
Bladen	86	261	92	110	463	20	101	203	103	427	122	+
Brunswick	216	228	141	213	582	20	278	175	60	533	265	+
Columbus	352	379	294	246	919	33	327	305	184	849	422	+
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>155</b>
<i>14TH DISTRICT</i>												
Durham	2,106	3,968	909	537	5,414	146	1,045	3,493	719	5,403	2,117	+
<i>15TH DISTRICT</i>												
Alamance	17	711	889	394	1,994	61	563	583	315	1,522	489	+
Chatham	275	184	43	145	372	0	298	0	125	423	224	-
Orange	140	80	103	237	420	5	187	0	75	267	293	+
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>2,786</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>574</b>
<i>16TH DISTRICT</i>												
Robeson	1,011	1,506	393	759	2,658	67	666	1,465	263	2,461	1,208	+
Scotland	300	441	194	116	751	13	357	401	82	853	198	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>3,409</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>95</b>
<i>18TH DISTRICT</i>												
Guilford—												
Greensboro	3,784	5,159	2,074	1,486	8,719	104	4,252	4,575	861	9,792	2,711	-1,073
High Point	497	1,754	1,001	301	3,056	86	1,328	1,649	90	3,153	400	- 97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,281</b>	<b>6,913</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>11,775</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>5,580</b>	<b>6,224</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>12,945</b>	<b>3,111</b>	<b>-1,170</b>

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	Small' Claims	Domestic Juvenile	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total				
<i>30TH DISTRICT</i>													
Anson	101	273	96	434	5	138	229	18	390	145	+	44	
Moore	723	162	101	468	21	564	137	88	810	381	-	342	
Richmond	134	403	291	878	20	239	382	52	693	319	+	185	
Stanly	455	704	100	1,028	0	454	683	176	1,313	170	-	285	
Union	115	278	134	584	15	123	396	82	616	83	-	32	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>3,392</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>430</b>	
<i>31ST DISTRICT</i>													
Forsyth	1,150	2,236	1,750	927	4,913	135	1,624	2,818	445	5,022	1,041	- 109	
<i>24TH DISTRICT</i>													
Avery	1	18	38	63	119	4	36	10	10	60	60	+	59
Madison	0	10	6	30	46	1	12	15	9	37	9	+	9
Mitchell	21	15	31	29	75	4	54	6	5	69	27	+	6
Watauga	9	98	21	61	180	13	42	84	12	151	38	+	29
Yancey	9	47	13	84	144	2	23	23	54	102	51	+	42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>145</b>
<i>25TH DISTRICT</i>													
Burke	244	614	359	193	1,166	51	214	516	269	1,050	360	+	116
Caldwell	548	895	103	247	1,245	26	229	729	35	1,019	774	+	226
Catawba	566	1,026	700	324	2,050	40	679	961	376	2,056	560	-	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>4,461</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>336</b>
<i>26TH DISTRICT</i>													
Mecklenburg	233	5,090	1,781	4,365	11,236	210	1,946	4,493	2,617	9,266	2,203	+	1,970

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	Small Claims	Domestic Juvenile	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	Magistrate	Other	Total	Total	Total	
<i>27TH DISTRICT</i>												
Cleveland	103	1,007	324	179	1,510	24	277	578	185	1,064	549	+ 446
Gaston	516	1,577	556	1,337	3,470	89	1,416	1,371	203	3,079	907	+ 391
Lincoln	31	192	24	410	626	9	331	201	26	567	90	+ 59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>5,606</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2,024</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>+ 896</b>
<i>29TH DISTRICT</i>												
Henderson	170	154	263	106	523	7	228	107	64	406	287	+ 117
McDowell	21	174	201	67	442	18	89	167	27	301	162	+ 141
Polk	5	15	35	15	65	0	24	17	9	50	20	+ 15
Rutherford	133	355	172	76	603	20	188	349	63	620	116	- 17
Transylvania	68	144	79	62	285	8	58	126	25	217	136	+ 68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>+ 324</b>
<i>30TH DISTRICT</i>												
Cherokee	85	99	46	54	199	4	47	76	30	157	127	+ 42
Clay	33	39	5	16	60	1	12	45	22	80	13	- 20
Graham	38	3	9	17	29	2	10	3	2	17	50	+ 12
Haywood	87	134	149	111	394	15	121	152	67	355	126	+ 39
Jackson	134	56	12	79	147	2	43	49	28	122	159	+ 25
Macon	68	63	23	14	100	2	29	60	8	99	69	+ 1
Swain	58	83	48	27	158	3	52	58	22	135	81	+ 23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>+ 122</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>28,717</b>	<b>52,321</b>	<b>23,412</b>	<b>25,366</b>	<b>101,099</b>	<b>2,305</b>	<b>30,888</b>	<b>46,869</b>	<b>13,672</b>	<b>93,734</b>	<b>36,082</b>	<b>+ 7,365</b>
Per Cent	51.7	23.2	25.1	100%	2.5	32.9	50.0	14.6	100%			

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**CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS  
BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION**

January 1, 1969 — December 31, 1969

	Pending 1/1/69			Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of			Pending 12/31/69		Gain or Loss
	Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge <sup>1</sup>	By Plea <sup>2</sup>	By Waiver <sup>3</sup>	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total	12/31/69		
<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>												
Camden	27	305	57	362	60	100	195	5	18	378	11	- 16
Chowan	105	1,206	596	1,802	196	477	763	123	201	1,760	147	+ 42
Currituck	35	802	317	1,119	178	302	546	6	63	1,095	59	+ 24
Dare	61	1,180	565	1,745	146	555	791	31	204	1,727	79	+ 18
Gates	50	633	179	812	130	69	523	10	82	814	48	- 2
Pasquotank	70	1,403	753	2,156	234	718	749	84	330	2,115	111	+ 41
Perquimans	80	665	221	886	127	233	483	15	52	910	56	- 24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>6,194</b>	<b>2,688</b>	<b>8,882</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>8,799</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>+ 83</b>
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>												
Beaufort	213	3,966	2,262	6,228	411	910	3,808	136	578	5,843	598	+ 385
Hyde	105	523	337	860	273	171	300	2	199	945	20	- 85
Martin	120	2,766	1,715	4,481	736	877	1,810	76	935	4,434	167	+ 47
Tyrrell	3	334	119	453	43	50	275	2	53	423	33	+ 30
Washington	9	853	728	1,581	312	242	862	17	136	1,569	21	+ 12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>8,442</b>	<b>5,161</b>	<b>13,603</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>7,055</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>13,214</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>+ 389</b>

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		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge <sup>1</sup>	By Plea <sup>2</sup>	By Waiver <sup>3</sup>	Preliminary Hearing	Other- wise	Total				
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>														
Carteret	0	3,578	2,247	5,825	1,040	1,028	2,620	203	554	5,445	380	+	380	
Craven	241	5,295	3,296	8,591	1,394	1,872	3,557	324	1,217	8,364	468	+	227	
Pamlico	41	578	367	945	420	153	259	0	4	836	150	+	103	
Pitt	885	8,653	5,581	14,284	812	5,936	4,470	164	2,249	13,631	1,488	+	603	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>18,104</b>	<b>11,491</b>	<b>29,595</b>	<b>3,666</b>	<b>8,989</b>	<b>10,906</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>4,024</b>	<b>28,276</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>1,319</b>	
<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>														
Duplin	482	7,046	2,491	9,537	994	2,165	5,113	44	531	8,847	1,172	+	690	
Jones	41	684	341	1,025	222	155	386	30	219	1,012	54	+	13	
Onslow	330	11,085	4,830	15,915	1,681	5,766	5,116	262	2,635	15,460	785	+	455	
Sampson	409	4,797	2,186	6,983	1,384	2,018	3,922	19	0	7,343	49	-	360	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>23,612</b>	<b>9,848</b>	<b>33,460</b>	<b>4,281</b>	<b>10,104</b>	<b>14,537</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>32,662</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>798</b>	
<i>5TH DISTRICT</i>														
New Hanover	1,339	10,250	6,502	16,752	1,040	6,537	5,786	975	1,366	15,704	2,387	+	1,048	
Pender	28	2,392	870	3,262	635	800	1,435	76	282	3,228	62	+	34	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>12,642</b>	<b>7,372</b>	<b>20,014</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>7,337</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>18,932</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>1,082</b>	
<i>6TH DISTRICT</i>														
Bertie	50	2,616	704	3,320	304	485	2,255	29	182	3,255	115	+	65	
Halifax	121	5,888	3,696	9,584	562	3,308	3,724	336	1,103	9,033	672	+	551	
Hertford	80	2,506	1,112	3,618	336	1,232	1,631	39	306	3,544	154	+	74	
Northampton	38	2,137	1,082	3,219	555	589	1,748	27	267	3,186	71	+	33	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>13,147</b>	<b>6,594</b>	<b>19,741</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>5,614</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>19,018</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>723</b>	

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		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge <sup>1</sup>	By Plea <sup>2</sup>	Preliminary Hearing	Other- wise	Total	
<i>7TH DISTRICT</i>										
Edgecombe	388	6,768	2,550	9,318	775	2,606	4,964	67	874	9,286
Nash	182	6,136	3,186	9,322	1,155	1,809	5,083	217	895	9,159
Wilson	1,400	5,287	2,946	8,233	1,145	1,850	4,458	192	1,412	9,057
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>18,191</b>	<b>8,682</b>	<b>26,873</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>6,265</b>	<b>14,505</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>3,181</b>	<b>27,502</b>
<i>8TH DISTRICT</i>										
Greene	184	1,847	672	2,519	466	290	1,472	8	309	2,545
Lenoir	459	6,367	3,710	10,077	1,486	3,295	3,824	82	1,085	9,772
Wayne	586	7,894	4,412	12,306	4,788	1,646	4,712	106	1,075	12,327
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>16,108</b>	<b>8,794</b>	<b>24,902</b>	<b>6,740</b>	<b>5,231</b>	<b>10,008</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2,469</b>	<b>24,644</b>
<i>9TH DISTRICT</i>										
Franklin	387	2,326	1,313	3,639	812	539	1,749	60	321	3,481
Granville	178	4,702	1,655	6,357	404	1,633	2,470	254	264	5,025
Person	194	2,008	1,422	3,430	267	828	1,932	54	413	3,494
Vance	231	2,851	2,077	4,928	938	1,315	2,193	94	226	4,766
Warren	31	1,503	954	2,457	171	929	986	30	279	2,395
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>13,390</b>	<b>7,421</b>	<b>29,811</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>9,330</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>19,161</b>
<i>10TH DISTRICT</i>										
Wake	7,259	42,614	19,169	61,783	15,846	9,428	30,412	417	4,420	60,523
<i>11TH DISTRICT</i>										
Harnett	612	5,186	3,802	8,988	222	3,283	3,852	80	954	8,391
Johnston	652	7,784	3,499	11,283	1,173	2,879	5,034	153	1,945	11,184
Lee	223	4,354	3,010	7,364	691	1,340	4,345	56	707	7,139
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,487</b>	<b>17,324</b>	<b>10,311</b>	<b>27,635</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>7,502</b>	<b>13,231</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>26,714</b>

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Pending 1/1/69		Cases Filed		By Judge <sup>1</sup>		Cases Disposed of		Pending 12/31/69		Gain or Loss	
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Plea <sup>2</sup>	Waiver <sup>3</sup>	Preliminary Heating	Other- wise	Total		
<i>12TH DISTRICT</i>											
Cumberland	1,651	21,528	12,504	34,032	3,451	14,129	9,785	649	5,667	33,681	2,002
Hoke	213	1,455	1,369	2,824	177	898	1,251	48	398	2,772	265
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>22,983</b>	<b>13,873</b>	<b>36,856</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>15,027</b>	<b>11,036</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>6,065</b>	<b>36,453</b>	<b>2,267</b>
<i>13TH DISTRICT</i>											
Bladen	135	3,298	1,859	5,157	1,924	828	1,865	85	215	4,917	375
Brunswick	378	2,646	1,243	3,889	1,615	487	1,579	0	301	3,982	285
Columbus	280	4,418	3,140	7,558	4,435	433	2,360	121	10	7,359	479
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>10,362</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>16,604</b>	<b>7,974</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>5,804</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>16,258</b>	<b>1,139</b>
<i>14TH DISTRICT</i>											
Durham	817	13,487	9,121	22,608	2,703	12,393	3,626	418	3,220	22,360	1,065
<i>15TH DISTRICT</i>											
Alamance	437	11,513	5,997	17,510	2,044	3,825	10,102	57	1,188	17,216	731
Chatham	217	2,569	1,195	3,764	438	845	2,146	11	357	3,797	184
Orange	872	4,474	1,986	6,460	3,801	0	3,011	125	154	7,091	241
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>9,178</b>	<b>27,734</b>	<b>6,283</b>	<b>4,670</b>	<b>15,259</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>28,104</b>	<b>1,156</b>
<i>16TH DISTRICT</i>											
Robeson	1,144	9,305	6,263	15,568	1,085	6,791	4,909	329	2,845	15,959	753
Scotland	306	2,540	1,909	4,449	434	2,055	1,314	126	579	4,508	247
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>11,845</b>	<b>8,172</b>	<b>20,017</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>8,846</b>	<b>6,223</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>20,467</b>	<b>1,000</b>

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		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge <sup>1</sup>	By Plea <sup>2</sup>	Preliminary Hearing		
<i>18TH DISTRICT</i>									
Guilford—									
Greensboro	5,194	31,560	12,638	44,198					
High Point	2,111	10,236	6,265	16,501	4,800	30,236	6,509	635	1,844
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,305</b>	<b>41,796</b>	<b>18,903</b>	<b>60,699</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>4,988</b>	<b>7,846</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>808</b>
<i>20TH DISTRICT</i>									
Anson	264	2,111	2,012	4,123	416	794	2,270	29	589
Moore	205	4,225	1,965	6,190	935	1,035	3,109	81	606
Richmond	69	2,659	2,368	5,027	360	1,882	1,518	49	1,019
Stanly	167	3,020	1,690	4,710	271	1,185	2,539	96	269
Union	435	4,190	1,908	6,098	635	1,564	3,256	74	686
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>16,205</b>	<b>9,943</b>	<b>26,148</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>12,692</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>3,169</b>
<i>21ST DISTRICT</i>									
Forsyth	2,947	22,945	10,023	32,968	5,315	13,071	10,775	607	4,611
<i>24TH DISTRICT</i>									
Avery	333	1,819	659	2,478	850	446	1,065	26	160
Madison	78	803	598	1,401	342	185	646	20	224
Mitchell	85	924	400	1,324	217	66	1,057	13	28
Watauga	372	1,706	866	2,572	212	790	1,291	22	409
Yancey	122	952	420	1,372	212	144	838	13	186
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>6,204</b>	<b>2,943</b>	<b>9,147</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>4,897</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1,007</b>
<i>25TH DISTRICT</i>									
Burke	1,153	5,166	3,564	8,730	1,674	1,992	4,269	80	1,088
Caldwell	1,604	6,133	3,403	9,536	1,197	3,436	3,853	401	1,401
Catawba	3,915	13,263	6,634	19,897	1,608	5,678	10,478	145	5,069
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,672</b>	<b>24,562</b>	<b>13,601</b>	<b>38,163</b>	<b>4,479</b>	<b>11,106</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>7,558</b>

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	Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge <sup>1</sup>	By Plea <sup>2</sup>	By Waiver <sup>3</sup>	Preliminary Hearing	Other- wise		
<i>26TH DISTRICT</i>										
Mecklenburg	3,019	55,897	28,809	84,706	4,967	27,055	34,955	959	11,112	79,048
<i>27TH DISTRICT</i>										
Cleveland	1,051	6,768	4,774	11,542	2,513	2,766	5,734	104	773	11,890
Gaston	1,447	14,988	11,332	26,320	1,973	10,057	7,696	226	4,394	24,346
Lincoln	27	4,968	1,040	6,008	874	2,534	2,486	31	31	5,956
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>26,724</b>	<b>17,146</b>	<b>43,870</b>	<b>5,360</b>	<b>15,357</b>	<b>15,916</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>5,198</b>	<b>42,192</b>
<i>29TH DISTRICT</i>										
Henderson	86	4,422	2,794	7,216	967	1,046	2,090	68	2,426	6,597
McDowell	64	2,532	1,725	4,257	206	873	2,123	142	450	3,794
Polk	44	502	494	996	191	236	463	23	57	970
Rutherford	131	3,508	3,722	7,280	1,541	1,749	2,311	70	373	6,044
Transylvania	163	835	717	1,552	346	707	483	14	48	1,317
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>11,799</b>	<b>9,452</b>	<b>21,251</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>4,611</b>	<b>7,470</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>3,354</b>	<b>19,003</b>
<i>30TH DISTRICT</i>										
Cherokee	217	1,352	572	1,924	296	721	730	24	213	1,984
Clay	27	726	151	877	301	95	461	6	6	869
Graham	85	315	399	714	193	303	125	5	0	626
Haywood	377	3,828	2,272	6,100	672	1,899	2,527	215	814	6,127
Jackson	125	1,013	967	1,980	70	317	483	49	1,089	2,008
Macon	64	954	323	1,277	178	139	598	10	220	1,145
Swain	62	517	1,431	914	168	879	183	34	110	1,374
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>8,705</b>	<b>5,598</b>	<b>14,303</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>5,107</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>2,452</b>	<b>14,133</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>50,422</b>	<b>481,838</b>	<b>260,535</b>	<b>742,373</b>	<b>102,877</b>	<b>231,970</b>	<b>297,328</b>	<b>11,296</b>	<b>84,992</b>	<b>728,463</b>
Per Cent		64.9	35.1	100%	14.1	31.8	40.8	1.6	11.7	100%

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**DISTRICT COURT ACTIVITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND  
SMALL CLAIM CASES\***

January 1, 1969 — December 31, 1969

	PER CENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE CASES DISPOSED OF BY WAIVER <sup>1</sup>			PER CENT OF SMALL CLAIM CASES DISPOSED OF BY MAGISTRATE <sup>1</sup>		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Per Cent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Per Cent Disposed of by Magistrate
<b><i>1ST DISTRICT</i></b>						
Camden	305	195	63.9	30	32	106.6
Chowan	1,206	763	63.2	107	96	89.7
Currituck	802	546	68.0	44	39	88.6
Dare	1,180	791	67.0	70	52	74.2
Gates	633	523	82.6	237	222	93.6
Pasquotank	1,403	749	53.3	264	274	103.7
Perquimans	665	483	72.6	41	39	95.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,194</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>95.0</b>
<b><i>2ND DISTRICT</i></b>						
Beaufort	3,966	3,808	96.0	488	472	96.7
Hyde	523	300	57.3	33	31	93.9
Martin	2,766	1,810	65.4	349	334	95.7
Tyrrell	334	275	82.3	44	21	47.7
Washington	853	862	101.0	121	83	68.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,442</b>	<b>7,055</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>90.9</b>
<b><i>3RD DISTRICT</i></b>						
Carteret	3,578	2,620	73.2	114	146	128.0
Craven	5,295	3,557	67.1	394	351	89.0
Pamlico	578	259	44.8	62	67	108.0
Pitt	8,653	4,470	51.6	782	717	91.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,104</b>	<b>10,906</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>94.7</b>
<b><i>4TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Duplin	7,046	5,113	72.5	241	224	92.9
Jones	684	386	56.4	45	43	95.5
Onslow	11,085	5,116	46.1	1,229	800	65.0
Sampson	4,797	3,922	81.7	432	368	85.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,612</b>	<b>14,537</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>73.7</b>
<b><i>5TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
New Hanover	10,250	5,786	56.4	900	661	73.4
Pender	2,392	1,435	59.9	96	90	93.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,642</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>75.4</b>

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\*These two tables are combined for convenience of format; they are not otherwise related.

PER CENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE CASES DISPOSED OF BY WAIVER <sup>1</sup>			PER CENT OF SMALL CLAIM CASES DISPOSED OF BY MAGISTRATE <sup>1</sup>			
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Per Cent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Per Cent Disposed of by Magistrate
<b>6TH DISTRICT</b>						
Bertie	2,616	2,255	86.2	227	200	88.1
Halifax	5,888	3,724	63.2	256	198	77.3
Hertford	2,506	1,631	65.0	187	144	77.0
Northampton	2,137	1,748	81.7	194	151	77.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,147</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>80.2</b>
<b>7TH DISTRICT</b>						
Edgecombe	6,768	4,964	73.3	833	743	89.1
Nash	6,136	5,083	82.8	570	601	105.4
Wilson	5,287	4,458	84.3	1,540	1,509	97.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,191</b>	<b>14,505</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>2,943</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>96.9</b>
<b>8TH DISTRICT</b>						
Greene	1,847	1,472	79.6	108	101	93.5
Lenoir	6,367	3,824	60.0	933	670	71.8
Wayne	7,894	4,712	59.6	1,126	1,085	96.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,108</b>	<b>10,008</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>85.6</b>
<b>9TH DISTRICT</b>						
Franklin	2,326	1,749	75.1	375	338	90.1
Granville	4,702	2,470	52.5	330	274	83.0
Person	2,008	1,932	96.2	713	501	70.2
Vance	2,851	2,193	76.9	467	552	118.2
Warren	1,503	986	65.6	84	71	84.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,390</b>	<b>9,330</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>88.1</b>
<b>10TH DISTRICT</b>						
Wake	42,614	30,412	71.3	3,588	3,355	93.5
<b>11TH DISTRICT</b>						
Harnett	5,186	3,852	74.2	505	445	88.1
Johnston	7,784	5,034	64.6	376	348	92.5
Lee	4,354	4,345	99.7	474	383	80.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,324</b>	<b>13,231</b>	<b>76.3</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>86.7</b>
<b>12TH DISTRICT</b>						
Cumberland	21,528	9,785	45.4	2,543	2,230	87.6
Hoke	1,455	1,251	85.9	134	118	88.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,983</b>	<b>11,036</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>2,677</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>87.7</b>

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**PER CENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE CASES  
DISPOSED OF BY WAIVER<sup>1</sup>**      **PER CENT OF SMALL CLAIM CASES  
DISPOSED OF BY MAGISTRATE<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>Motor Vehicle Cases Filed</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver</b>	<b>Per Cent Disposed of by Waiver</b>	<b>Small Claims Filed</b>	<b>Disposed of by Magistrate</b>	<b>Per Cent Disposed of by Magistrate</b>
<b><i>13TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Bladen	3,298	1,865	56.5	261	203	77.7
Brunswick	2,646	1,579	59.6	228	175	76.7
Columbus	4,418	2,360	53.4	379	305	80.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,362</b>	<b>5,804</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>78.6</b>
<b><i>14TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Durham	13,487	3,626	26.8	3,968	3,493	88.0
<b><i>15TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Alamance	11,513	10,102	87.7	711	583	81.9
Chatham	2,569	2,146	83.5	184	0	0
Orange	4,474	3,011	67.2	80	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>15,259</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>59.7</b>
<b><i>16TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Robeson	9,305	4,909	52.7	1,506	1,465	97.2
Scotland	2,540	1,314	51.7	441	401	90.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,845</b>	<b>6,223</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>95.8</b>
<b><i>18TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Guilford—						
Greensboro	31,560	6,509	20.6	5,159	4,575	88.6
High Point	10,236	7,846	76.6	1,754	1,649	94.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,796</b>	<b>14,355</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>6,913</b>	<b>6,224</b>	<b>90.0</b>
<b><i>20TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Anson	2,111	2,270	107.5	162	229	141.3
Moore	4,225	3,109	73.5	273	137	50.1
Richmond	2,659	1,518	57.0	403	382	94.7
Stanly	3,020	2,539	84.0	704	683	97.0
Union	4,190	3,256	77.7	278	396	142.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,205</b>	<b>12,692</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>100.3</b>
<b><i>21ST DISTRICT</i></b>						
Forsyth	22,945	10,775	46.9	2,236	2,818	126.0

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**PER CENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE CASES  
DISPOSED OF BY WAIVER<sup>1</sup>**      **PER CENT OF SMALL CLAIM CASES  
DISPOSED OF BY MAGISTRATE<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>Motor Vehicle Cases Filed</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver</b>	<b>Per Cent Disposed of by Waiver</b>	<b>Small Claims Filed</b>	<b>Disposed of by Magistrate</b>	<b>Per Cent Disposed of by Magistrate</b>
<b><i>24TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Avery	1,819	1,065	58.5	18	10	55.5
Madison	803	646	80.4	10	15	150.0
Mitchell	924	1,057	114.3	15	6	40.0
Watauga	1,706	1,291	75.6	98	84	85.7
Yancey	952	838	88.0	47	23	48.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,204</b>	<b>4,897</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>73.4</b>
<b><i>25TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Burke	5,166	4,269	82.6	614	516	84.0
Caldwell	6,133	3,853	62.8	895	729	81.4
Catawba	13,263	10,478	79.0	1,026	961	93.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,562</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>87.0</b>
<b><i>26TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Mecklenburg	55,897	34,955	62.5	5,090	4,493	88.2
<b><i>27TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Cleveland	6,768	5,734	84.7	1,007	578	57.3
Gaston	14,988	7,696	51.3	1,577	1,371	86.9
Lincoln	4,968	2,486	50.0	192	201	104.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,724</b>	<b>15,916</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>77.4</b>
<b><i>29TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Henderson	4,422	2,090	47.2	154	107	69.4
McDowell	2,532	2,123	83.8	174	167	95.9
Polk	502	463	92.2	15	17	113.3
Rutherford	3,508	2,311	65.8	355	349	98.3
Transylvania	835	483	57.8	144	126	87.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,799</b>	<b>7,470</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>90.9</b>
<b><i>30TH DISTRICT</i></b>						
Cherokee	1,209	730	60.4	99	76	76.7
Clay	726	461	63.4	39	45	115.3
Graham	315	125	39.6	3	3	100.0
Haywood	3,828	2,527	66.0	134	152	113.4
Jackson	1,013	483	47.6	56	49	87.5
Macon	954	598	62.6	63	60	95.2
Swain	517	183	35.3	83	58	69.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,562</b>	<b>5,107</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>92.8</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>481,695</b>	<b>297,328</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>52,321</b>	<b>46,869</b>	<b>89.5</b>

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**DAYS OF COURT HELD AT EACH SEAT OF THE DISTRICT COURT\***

	Civil	Criminal	Total
<i>1ST DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>			
Camden—Camden	1	11½	12½
Chowan—Edenton	4	49	53
Currituck—Currituck	2½	24	26½
Dare—Manteo	6	39	45
Gates—Gatesville	1	24	25
Pasquotank—Elizabeth City	20	48½	68½
Perquimans—Hertford	6	36	42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40½</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>272½</b>
<i>2ND DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>			
Beaufort—Washington	57	108	164
Hyde—Swan Quarter	8	28	36
Martin—Williamston	28	55	82
Tyrrell—Columbia	4	21	25
Washington—Plymouth	13	49	63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>370</b>
<i>3RD DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Pitt—Greenville	94	184½	278½
Farmville	0	21½	21½
Ayden	0	22½	22½
Craven—New Bern	91½	146½	238
Carteret—Beaufort	73½	94	167½
Pamlico—Bayboro	11	24½	35½
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>493½</b>	<b>763½</b>
<i>4TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Onslow—Jacksonville	49	255	304
Duplin—Kenansville	36½	103	139½
Jones—Trenton	11¼	36¼	47½
Sampson—Clinton	56½	159	215½
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>153¼</b>	<b>553¼</b>	<b>706½</b>
<i>5TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
New Hanover—Wilmington	191½	250	441½
Pender—Burgaw	34	45½	79½
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225½</b>	<b>295½</b>	<b>521</b>
<i>6TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
Northampton—Jackson	13	46	59
Halifax—Halifax	32½	55	87½
Roanoke Rapids	4½	25½	30
Bertie—Windsor	16½	50	66½
Hertford—Winton	17½	44	61½
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>220½</b>	<b>304½</b>

1. Figures not reported for August, but included is an estimate based upon average for months reported.

\*All days of court at each seat were not necessarily held by a judge assigned to the designated judicial district. In 1969, District Court Judges held a total of 132½ days of court in judicial districts other than their own.

	Civil	Criminal	Total
<i>7TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Nash—Nashville	71½	99½	170¾
Rocky Mount	38	100¼	138¼
Edgecombe—Tarboro	59¼	104	163¼
Wilson—Wilson	64½	150	214½
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>453¾</b>	<b>686¾</b>
<i>8TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Wayne—Goldsboro	99½	185½	285
Mount Olive	½	31½	32
Greene—Snow Hill	5½	33	38½
Lenoir—Kinston	111½	166½	278
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>416½</b>	<b>633½</b>
<i>9TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)<sup>1</sup></i>			
Person—Roxboro			
Granville—Oxford			
Vance—Henderson			
Warren—Warrenton			
Franklin—Louisburg			
<i>10TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)</i>			
Wake—Raleigh	220½	615	835½
Apex	0	0	0
Wendell	0	46	46
Fuquay-Varina	0	38	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>220½</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>919½</b>
<i>11TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Harnett—Lillington	91½	132	223½
Dunn	1	63	64
Johnston—Smithfield	77	121½	198½
Benson	1	45	46
Selma	0	49	49
Lee—Sanford	43	111½	154½
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213½</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>735½</b>
<i>12TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Cumberland—Fayetteville	305	386½	691½
Hoke—Raeford	15½	40½	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>320½</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>747½</b>
<i>13TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>			
Bladen—Elizabethtown	30	79	109
Brunswick—Southport	42	44	86
Shallotte	0	37	37
Columbus—Whiteville	54	84	138
Tabor City	0	20	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>390</b>

1. No reports submitted.

	Civil	Criminal	Total
<i>14TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
Durham—Durham	263	460	723
<i>15TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Alamance—Graham	178	226	404
Burlington	0	½	½
Chatham—Pittsboro	33	65½	98½
Siler City	0	0	0
Orange—Hillsborough	62	70½	132½
Chapel Hill	6	51	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>413½</b>	<b>692½</b>
<i>16TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
Robeson—Lumberton	110½	186	296½
Fairmont	0	39	39
Maxton	0	61½	61½
Red Springs	0	38	38
Rowland	0	24	24
Saint Pauls	0	41½	41½
Scotland—Laurinburg	30½	123	153½
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>654</b>
<i>18TH DISTRICT (7 Judges)</i>			
Guilford—Greensboro	354	488	842
High Point	265	252½	517½
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>740½</b>	<b>1,359½</b>
<i>20TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)<sup>1</sup></i>			
Anson—Wadesboro			
Moore—Carthage			
Southern Pines			
Richmond—Rockingham			
Hamlet			
Stanly—Albemarle			
Union—Monroe			
<i>21ST DISTRICT (5 Judges)</i>			
Forsyth—Winston-Salem	540½	435	975½
Kernersville	0	26	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>540½</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>1,001½</b>
<i>24TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>			
Avery—Newland	15	33	48
Madison—Marshall	7	29	36
Mitchell—Bakersville	9	31	40
Watauga—Boone	9	44	53
Yancey—Burnsville	11	27	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>215</b>

1. No reports submitted.

	Civil	Criminal	Total
<i>25TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Burke—Morganton	54½	149	203½
Hickory	48	155	203
Caldwell—Lenoir	54	154½	208½
Catawba—Newton	41	106	147
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197½</b>	<b>564½</b>	<b>762</b>
<i>26TH DISTRICT (7 Judges)<sup>1</sup></i>			
Mecklenburg—Charlotte	469	1,128	1,597
<i>27TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)<sup>2</sup></i>			
Cleveland—Shelby	45	137	182
Gaston—Gastonia	165	398	562
Lincoln—Lincolnton	67	69	137
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>881</b>
<i>29TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
Henderson—Hendersonville	52	87	139
McDowell—Marion	32	77	109
Polk—Columbus	22	38	60
Rutherford—Rutherfordton	47	75	122
Transylvania—Brevard	27	40	67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>497</b>
<i>30TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>			
Cherokee—Murphy	6	35½	41½
Clay—Hayesville	3	15	18
Graham—Robbinsville	0	14	14
Haywood—Waynesville	11	98	109
Canton	0	8	8
Jackson—Sylva	4	30	34
Macon—Franklin	3	17½	20½
Swain—Bryson City	15	21	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,272¾</b>	<b>10,441½</b>	<b>15,714¼</b>

#### A NOTE ON STATISTICS

The statistical data in this Report has been supplied to the Administrative Office by Clerks of the Superior Court and Chief District Judges. Since the beginning of court reorganization and the implementation of a new reporting system, there has been some variation in interpretation of the statistical categories. Efforts are being made by the Clerks of Superior Court and Administrative Office to insure completely standardized reporting. All statistics are supplied by Clerks of the Superior Court, except data on the number of days of district court held in each district which is supplied by the Chief District Judges.

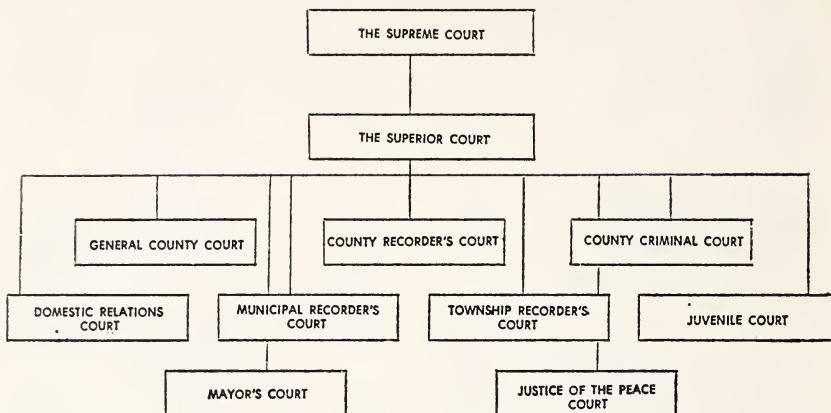
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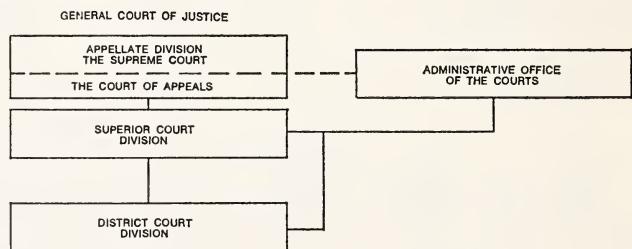
# APPENDIX I

## STRUCTURE OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

### I. Prior to the effective date of The Judicial Department Act of 1965:



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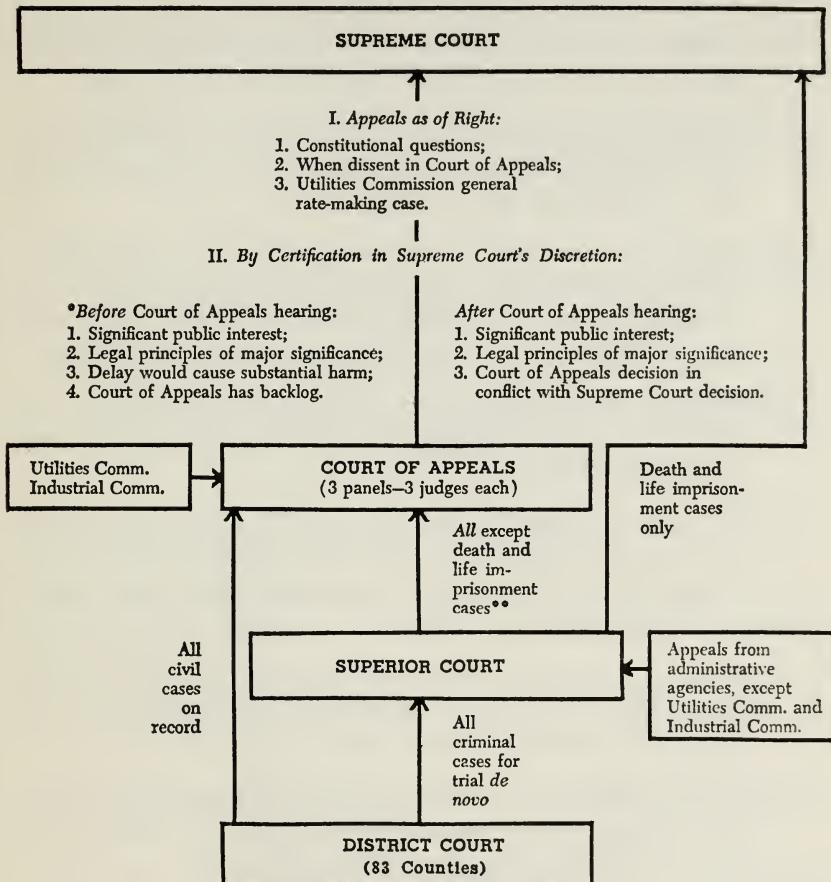


This structure is now in effect as to 83 counties. The District Court will be activated in the final 17 counties on December 7, 1970.

## APPENDIX II

## GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

### *Routes of Appeal —*



\*Utilities and Industrial Comm. cases must be heard by Court of Appeals before Supreme Court can hear.

\*\*Post-conviction hearing appeals go to Court of Appeals by writ of certiorari only, and no further, except the State may move for certification to the Supreme Court under G.S. 7A-31(a).

## APPENDIX III

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

G.S. 7A-340. Administrative Office of the Courts; establishment; officers.—There is hereby established a State office to be known as the Administrative Office of the Courts. It shall be supervised by a Director, assisted by an assistant director.

G.S. 7A-343. Duties of Director.—The Director is the Administrative Officer of the Courts, and his duties include the following:

- (1) Collect and compile statistical data and other information on the judicial and financial operation of other offices directly related to and serving the courts;
- (2) Determine the state of the dockets and evaluate the practices and procedures of the courts, and make recommendations concerning the number of judges, solicitors, prosecutors and magistrates required for the efficient administration of justice;
- (3) Prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, systems, forms and records to be used in the offices of the clerks of superior court;
- (4) Prepare and submit budget estimates of State appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Judicial Department, and authorize expenditures from funds appropriated for these purposes;
- (5) Investigate, make recommendations concerning and assist in the securing of adequate physical accommodations for the General Court of Justice;
- (6) Procure, distribute, exchange, transfer and assign such equipment, books, forms and supplies as are to be acquired with State funds for the General Court of Justice;
- (7) Make recommendations for the improvement of the operations of the Judicial Department;
- (8) Prepare and submit an annual report on the work of the Judicial Department to the Chief Justice, and transmit a copy to each member of the General Assembly;
- (9) Assist the Chief Justice in performing his duties relating to

the transfer of district court judges for temporary or specialized duty; and

- (10) Perform such additional duties and exercise such additional powers as may be prescribed by statute or assigned by the Chief Justice.

G.S. 7A-344. Special duties of Director concerning representation of indigent persons.—In addition to the duties prescribed in G.S. 7A-343, the Director shall also:

- (1) Supervise and coordinate the operation of the laws and regulations concerning the assignment of legal counsel for indigent persons under sub-chapter IX of this chapter to the end that all indigent persons are adequately represented;
- (2) Advise and cooperate with the offices of the public defenders as needed to achieve maximum effectiveness in the discharge of the defender's responsibilities;
- (3) Collect data on the operation of the assigned counsel and the public defender systems, and make such recommendations to the General Assembly for improvement in the operation of these systems as appear to him to be appropriate; and
- (4) Accept and utilize federal or private funds, as available, to improve defense services for the indigent.

G.S. 7A-345. Duties of assistant director.—The assistant director is the administrative assistant to the Chief Justice, and his duties include the following;

- (1) Assist the Chief Justice in performing his duties relating to the assignment of superior court judges;
- (2) Assist the Supreme Court in preparing calendars of superior court trial sessions; and
- (3) Performing such additional functions as may be assigned by the Chief Justice or the Director of the Administrative Office.

G.S. 7A-346. Information to be furnished to Administrative Officer.—All judges, solicitors, prosecutors, public defenders, magistrates, clerks of superior court and other officers or employees of the courts and of offices directly related to and serving the courts shall on request furnish to the Administrative Officer information and statistical data relative to the work of the courts and of such offices and relative to the receipt and expenditure of public moneys for the operation thereof.





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